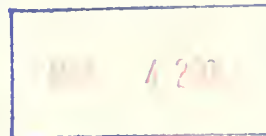


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Raging fire stops service; threatens CTA elevated

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A Lake/Dan Ryan train crosses the 'L' structure at Jefferson and Lake near the site of a multi-alarm fire, the worst in two years for Chicago. Remnants of the six-story building, seen in the background, were leveled by a crane.

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**CTA
restores
service quickly**
(See pages 10-12)

Raging fire stops service

An early morning fire on Tuesday, January 3, ripped through a six-story building at the southwest corner of Lake and Jefferson streets, quickly spreading to two adjacent buildings and threatening CTA's 90-year-old Lake street elevated structure, just 25 feet away.

The blaze broke out at 3:30 a.m. on the morning of the first working day of the new year, and before the dramatic story of the worst fire in Chicago in two years ended, 30,000 Lake-Dan Ryan "L" riders, and many CTA officials, would be wondering when—or if—the venerable structure would be back in service.

The fire spread rapidly through the multi-use buildings and suddenly erupted with volcanic fury into a roaring conflagration that grew so hot paint bubbled on vehicles parked more than 100 feet away.



A Bantam crane and tower truck hoists men and material up to build new track at Lake street. Extensive repairs were needed following firemen and CTA workers' around-the-clock efforts to subdue a multi-alarm fire which temporarily halted "L" service.

Chicago Fire Department fire chiefs at the scene ordered a 5-11 alarm with two specials, one of the department's highest priorities; that brought a total of 185 firefighters, 28 engine companies, five truck companies, and two giant snorkel units to the scene.

They fought the blaze for more than three hours before bringing it under control and listing it as "struck out." Actually, the burned buildings were still smoldering on January 23.

Firefighters pumped more than five million gallons of water on the blaze to bring the inferno under control.

"The near-disaster which threatened the Lake street 'L' structure was averted because of the excellent cooperation of the Chicago Fire Department plus other city departments with the CTA," said Thomas Wolgemuth, manager, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance department.

"Together, the city and the CTA prove, in big ways and small, Chicago is the city that works—very well," he added.

For more details on the Lake street fire, and the outstanding response from CTA employees that restored service the next day, see pages 12-13.

From the Chairman

Meeting the challenge

Deep snow on our streets, sleet and icing on our rail lines, extended periods of bone-chilling temperatures, and seasonally-high ridership levels have always made winter the most difficult and trying season for public transportation in Chicago—and this year is no exception.

During the height of the Christmas Season, when we experienced 100 consecutive hours of sub-zero temperatures, and four consecutive days of record-breaking low temperatures, CTA employees put aside thoughts of warm holiday gatherings and met winter's challenge, many working 12 to 16-hour days to keep the system moving. Bus operators and train crews braved hazardous operating conditions to meet their schedules, and treated frustrated riders courteously. They were supported by other dedicated employees who worked out in the weather clearing frozen switches, jump-starting, repairing, and towing disabled vehicles, maintaining signals, and clearing station platforms and bus terminals of hazardous snow and ice.

As a result of your efforts, CTA was able to maintain an extraordinary level of service, with 96 per cent of our scheduled runs operating at the worst point, and 99 per cent of our scheduled runs operating at most times during those four cold days. My fellow Board members and I congratulate you for a job well done and thank you for the sacrifice and dedication you have shown.

In the midst of the ravages of winter, at 3:30 a.m. January 3, CTA employees were called upon to meet yet another challenge. A 5-11 alarm fire with two special alarms, Chicago's worst fire in two years, destroyed a six-story building just south of the Lake Street elevated structure and west of the Clinton Street station. Lake Street rapid transit service was suspended while the Chicago Fire Department contained the blaze and prevented the flames and intense heat from causing severe damage to the steel elevated structure. As soon as the Fire Department determined that it was safe for CTA to inspect and repair damage caused when part of a wall fell onto the structure, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance personnel answered the call and worked through the night replacing bent rail, broken ties, and damaged electrical cables.

We commend Facilities Maintenance for a job well done. Through their efforts, which were hampered by the cold weather and smoke from the smoldering fire, Lake Street service was restored for the morning rush hour on January 4. We also commend employees from Transportation and other departments who operated one of the most smoothly-run emergency shuttle services ever deployed in Chicago, filling the gap in Lake Street service during the fire.

It is also gratifying to see that, even when faced with the challenges of a severe winter, we can show our concern for those less fortunate than ourselves. I therefore join the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation in thanking and congratulating CTA employees. Your generous donations and other activities helped make the 1984 United Cerebral Palsy Telethon a success that will provide aid for victims of this crippling disease and research that will some day find a cure.

Michael Randell



John McClain, bus instructor at Limits Garage, is commended by CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli after McClain rescued a young Indianapolis couple who were stranded on Chicago's south side due to foul weather.

Bus Instructor McClain rescues stranded couple

This story is so good it should be made into a television movie. So, let's go ahead and do it.

Opening Scene: A 1973 red Ford sedan slowly makes its way through a December snowstorm just before Christmas. The old car is on the northbound lanes of the Dan Ryan expressway.

Inside are a young couple, James Stoneking, 21, and his 18-year-old wife, Kristine. Stoneking has trouble steering the car on the snow-packed roadway. The car's tires are bald and the gas tank is nearly empty.

The young husband is nearly exhausted. He's been driving through the snow from Indianapolis since 10:15 p.m. It is nearly 6:30 a.m.

The visibility on the Ryan gets worse as the storm intensifies. Stoneking is so tired he aches and he is concerned for his young wife.

His car suddenly skids, he avoids hitting one car, nearly collides with a second and his sleepy wife is thrown against her door.

She is seven months pregnant, very weary, and anxious to be with her mother in Batavia, Illinois, another 50 miles away.

Stoneking can't go any further; he pulls off the expressway into an all-night gas station.

Scene 2: Kristine telephones her

mother, Mrs. Barbara Lawrence. She tells her mother she and James are exhausted, are somewhere on the South Side, 79th and State, read the street signs, they are low on gas, the car's tires are bald, and she is frightened.

Scene 3: While talking to her daughter on the telephone, Mrs. Lawrence tells her help will be on the way, to stay with the car at the gas station. After getting the gas station's telephone number from Kristine, Mrs. Lawrence hangs up her phone and as part of her morning routine, tunes in the Wally Phillips radio show on WGN, and ponders her daughter's problem.

Wally Phillips is always helping people with problems, she recalls. She finds the station's number in the telephone directory, dials it, and asks for Wally Phillips.

Scene 4: Marilyn Miller, Wally Phillips' producer, answers Mrs. Lawrence's phone call and hears the anxious mother pour out her story. Quickly, Ms. Miller sends Phillips an urgent note.

Scene 5: Wally Phillips, ear phones in place, microphone close to his face, signals for Mrs. Lawrence's telephone call to go "live" with him. She repeats her story to Phillips and to the millions of listeners on his radio show. "Surely," Phillips tells his listeners, "someone in Chicago could come to the rescue of this young couple, lost in the winter storm."

Scene 6: A 1982 GMC pickup truck is heading north out of Roseland with CTA bus driver instructor John McClain

at the wheel. He too is tuned to the Wally Phillips show and he hears the pleas for help. At 79th, McClain turns off and drives to the gas station.

Scene 7: The pickup stops at the red '73 Ford. McClain gets out of his truck, motions Stoneking to open his car window and asks "Can I help you?" The young couple are stunned. How did this stranger know they needed help? The 50-year-old bus driver instructor explains the broadcast on Wally Phillips' radio show.

"First, we have to get your car to a safe place. Then we'll see about getting you two to Batavia," he says.

Scene 8: After parking their car by McClain's pickup, he tells Stoneking, "I've got some time before I report to work. Will you let me drive you to Batavia? My pickup is equipped for bad weather driving."

Scene 9: Just before leaving, Kristine telephones her mother with the wonderful offer they have just received "from a CTA employee" and happily said they will be home as soon as possible.

Scene 10: Mrs. Lawrence telephones Wally Phillips and gives him and his listeners the good news of the rescue of the young couple. Phillips praises the unknown CTA employee turned good Samaritan and asks the anxious mother to call him again when they arrive at her Batavia home.

Scene 11: Mrs. Lawrence excitedly tells Phillips a pickup truck has just pulled up to her home and her daughter, son-in-law, and a uniformed man are getting out. The couple praise the man in uniform to Phillips and Phillips joins in the praising of McClain, who characteristically says, "Thanks, but someone had to help them. I just happened to be the first one along. There probably were plenty of others."

Epilogue: Paul Kadowaki, area superintendent, Instruction, later escorted McClain to the Chairman's Office where CTA chairman Michael A. Cardilli expressed his sentiments: "It was wonderful, just wonderful what you did for those young people."

What motivates McClain to go to the aid of distressed people?

"My mother is a strongly religious Methodist who reads her Bible daily and is a great and good influence on me. She has taught me to respect others, to help those in need, and to share my joy in living the good life in the service of God."

Commendation Corner

Marshall Price (77th Street garage) was appreciated for his alertness on a No. 30 South Chicago bus by Rose Pilipowski, of Avenue J. "In South Chicago, about five senior citizens got on the bus and also a young man. The driver watched in the rearview mirror as the young man was about to pick the purse of one of the ladies. He stopped the bus, opened the door, turned in his seat and told the young man to leave, all done very calmly. The young man got off. Due to the alert driver, the lady didn't lose anything. This driver is very courteous, as I have ridden on his bus many times. He handles his job with dignity."



Rosemary Hoskins (North Park garage) was commended for "her efficient and courteous manner" as operator of a No. 146 Marine/Michigan Express bus by Louise Slowick, of Hawthorne Place. "I boarded the bus and sat directly behind the driver. She answered all questions cheerfully, and called out all stops. It is difficult for visitors to get around without directions. She quickly put them at ease with her help. I counted 10 persons who took the time, as they got off, to compliment her on being so polite and courteous. Too many of us complain but seldom take the time to let someone know we do care. I enjoyed that bus trip."

John Koldan (North Section) was thanked for his honesty as a ticket agent at the Jarvis station by Scott Foster, of Jarvis Avenue. "I paid what I thought was 90 cents to the agent and proceeded upstairs to the platform. Upon reaching the platform, a voice came over the loudspeaker asking for 'the gentleman in the suit' to come back downstairs. I responded, albeit slightly annoyed, since I was sure I had paid the full amount. Well, I was wrong. One of the 'quarters' I had paid was actually a Susan B. Anthony dollar, which the agent called to my attention, whereupon I exchanged a quarter for the dollar. Such honesty is certainly commendable and worthy of attention."

George Gray (Archer garage) was the operator of a No. 99 Stevenson Express bus ridden by Therese Bronsberg, of Palos Heights. "Riding with him is a real pleasure. He always greets you with a 'Good morning' and a big smile. I even heard him tell a lady who was standing that a seat was vacant at the rear of the bus. You do not mind going to work, on Mondays especially, when he is in the driver's seat. I am sure I am not the only one who feels that way about him. If they would all take the trouble to write, believe me you would have a very thick file on this wonderful man."

Lachester Drain (Limits garage) was complimented for his courtesy as operator of a No. 36 Broadway bus by Joseph Meagher, who lives in a senior citizen center on Broadway. "He is very friendly and helps people all the time. One morning I saw him stop the bus and help a blind person who was caught in traffic. His conduct as a driver is excellent. He is also neat and clean. Everybody has a good word for him. He would make a good supervisor. The main thing is he gets along with people. That is the main factor in dealing with the public."

Cesar Lovera (North Park garage) "deserves nothing but the utmost of praise" for helping to recover documents that Jeanne Fox, of Worth, had left on his leader's bus. "He did everything possible to get my package, and tried to reassure me everything would be all right after he saw how terribly upset I was. He finally caught up with the (No. 156) LaSalle bus ahead of us, and I did get my package back. This package meant a lot, since it was full of important documents associated with my job. This driver had the utmost courtesy and handled the situation with ease. He helped me out in a time of critical need."

Henry Johnson (West Section) was the agent at Damen/North where Helen Ptasek, of Augusta Boulevard, went to take a train downtown. "In my haste, I gave the agent a \$10 bill. I am a senior citizen and usually pay 50 cents. I walked away without counting my change. When I sat in the train, I was about to put my money away when I remembered about the \$10 bill. What to do? I got off at Division and went back to Damen. Imagine my surprise when the agent told me he tried to call me, but I was already gone. He had my \$9 in bills for me. I felt so good to think there are some wonderful people still around."

Donald Liberko (North Section) was remembered for his helpfulness as an agent by Richard Kosik, of New York City. "I happened to be visiting the Near North Side on business. I was supposed to meet someone at Elm and State. I got off the train at Chicago/State and ascended to the mezzanine. I was confused about which way to go, so I consulted the ticket agent. He was very helpful, and I reached my destination with no trouble at all. While I was getting my directions, several people came by with fares and transfers. He wished them all a nice day, and they all went their ways with smiles on their faces."

Honorees cited for response to crises

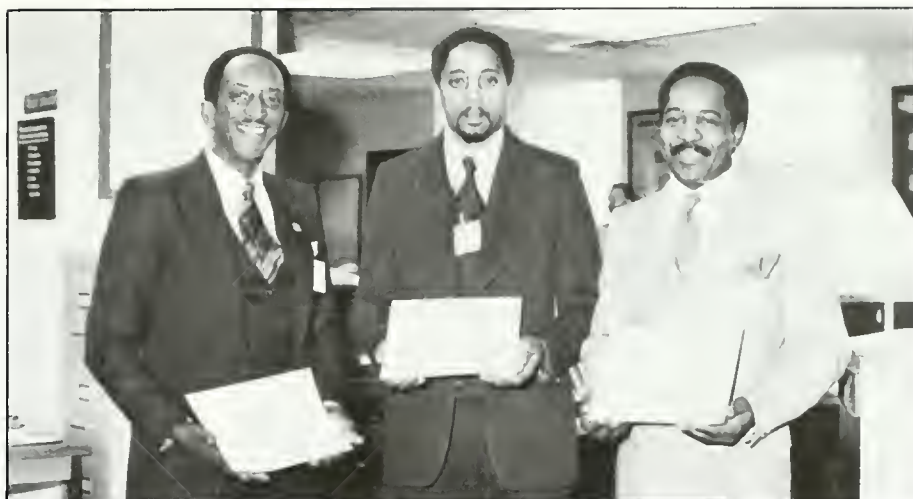
A bus operator and two rail service personnel who took direct action to minimize injury to CTA riders and avoid property damage, or service delays in two separate incidents have received special recognition on "A Day in CTA."

The honorees are Marshall E. Boyd, bus operator, 77th Street Garage, and motorman John Williams and his conductor, Jimmie Singleton of Howard Street Terminal.

John McClain, a bus instructor at the Limits Training Center, was also honored for assisting a stranded motorist and his wife who were enroute to Batavia (see story, page 3).

Boyd earned kudos for stopping his southbound Michigan/Harrison bus when he observed his leader's slowly moving bus with no one at the steering wheel. The problem developed as the operator of the errant vehicle and a passenger were fighting.

Boyd caught up with the bus boarded and brought it to a safe stop. Boyd



Appreciation for a job well done is shown to (from left) bus instructor John McClain, motorman John Williams and conductor Jimmie Singleton, "A Day in CTA" honorees. The three show off their certificates during a visit in the control center.

notified the control center and requested medical aid for a woman who had injured her ankle when she jumped from the moving bus and fell to the pavement.

Other honorees, motorman John Williams and conductor Jimmie Singleton, were the operating crew on Run 820 of the North-South route outside the 35th Street station when a

fire developed underneath their train.

The fire was not discovered until Singleton heard a noise and saw smoke coming from one of the cars as the train was leaving the southside station. Unable to get to the emergency cord, he pulled the door emergency which caused the motorman (Williams) to stop the train. The two then worked to evacuate the train of its passengers.

Thanks for a job well done

Employees who have received commendations.

Shaid Abdullah, 77th Street
Carmen Betances, North Park
James Bibbs, 69th Street
James Brooks, 77th Street
Robert Brown, North Park
Raymond Burkhardt, Archer
Jean Cage, North Park
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Eugene Cannon, Archer
Wafer Carter, 69th Street
Ray Carter, Limits
Anthony Ceriale, Forest Glen
Rufus Cleveland, Douglas/
Congress
Patricia Cobb, North Park
Michael Cobleigh, North Park
Farris Collins, Lawndale
Mary Conley, Limits
Jerry Conner, North Park
Claude Conwell, 69th Street
Andrew Correa, North Park
Luke Costanza, Forest Glen
Robert Cowan, North Avenue
Albert Croarkin, 77th Street
Victor Davila, North Park
Electra DeAlba, North Avenue
Joseph Dean, 69th Street
William Demery, Jr., 77th Street
Robert Densmore, Rail District-
North

Robert Devitt, North Park
Charles Dial, North Park
Allen Dixon, North Avenue
Leslie Edwards, North Avenue
Frederick Fadowole, North Park
Emiliano Feliciano, Limits
Roberta Flores, North Avenue
Judge Ford, Limits
Tyrone Garrett, North Park
David Gaston, North Park
George Gray, Archer
Edgar Griffin Jr., North Avenue
Joe Griffith, Beverly
Moses Hampton, 69th Street
John Hanna, North Avenue
Leon Hayden, 77th Street
Mildred Heath, 77th Street
Joseph Hendrickson, North Park
Sabino Hernandez, North Park
Peyton Hightower, 77th Street
Gregory Hoard, Forest Glen
Diane Howard, Ashland
Sanders Ingram, Lawndale
Willie James, North Park
Jerry Jenkins, North Park
Walter Jentsch, North Park
Lewis Johnson, 77th Street
Calvin Johnson, North Avenue

David Jones, North Avenue
Howard Jones, Archer
Robert Jones, North Park
William Knudsen, Forest Glen
Bernard Konarski, North Park
Robert Kremer, North Park
Charley Lane, Beverly
Nathan Lanier, North Avenue
John Lemond, North Park
Giles Liddell Jr., Limits
Augustin Lopez, Jefferson Park
Ephriam Mauldin, 69th Street
Jesse Mayfield, North Avenue
Diego Medina, North Avenue
Carmelo Morales, Forest Glen
Robert Moskovitz, North Park
Edward Mrozek, 77th Street
Martin Navarro, North Avenue
Wanda Navarro, Howard/
Kimball
Elbert Pearson, 69th Street
Hillman Phillips, 77th Street
Manuel Ramirez, North Park
Thomas Rhone, 77th Street
Annie Rice, Limits
Artis Rigsby, Forest Glen
Jack Robinson, Limits

John Ross, Archer
Lonnie Rupert, Limits
Joseph Slaughter, North Park
Frank Staszak, Limits
Willie Stewart, Beverly
Willie Stewart, North Avenue
Hugh Stone, Archer
Theodore Stutts, Archer
Elmer Swan, North Park
Henry Sykes, Beverly
Pleas Talley Jr., 69th Street
Adrian Taylor, Douglas/Congress
Rhone Terrell, Lawndale
Doris Thompson, 77th Street
Johnny Trice, Forest Glen
Arturo Valdez, North Park
Maria Vinas, Forest Glen
Elizabeth Washington, 77th Street
Walter White, Beverly
Rickey White, Douglas/Congress
James Williams, Limits
Willie Williams Jr., North Park
Jacques Yezeguelian, North
Avenue
Amy Young, 69th Street
Thelma Young, Forest Glen
Anthony Zenner, North Park
Joseph Zukerman, North Park



A special service bus at Washington garage is safety checked thoroughly from engine and platform operation by bus repairer William McCray, to clean windows by bus servicer Ray Jasutsis.



Rosemont, Washington take first place in ZAP

Maintenance personnel at Rosemont terminal were first place winners in the third quarter Zero Accident Program competition. It was the first ZAP competition for the terminal which will provide service to O'Hare International Airport.

Rosemont, which opened early last year, "is a melting pot of personnel," said Richard Lorimer, superintendent for equipment and maintenance. "We have a mixture of people from all over the system who picked Rosemont terminal, and we have some of the best working conditions," he added.

Lorimer said Rosemont, the largest rapid transit terminal in the CTA system, has the most modern equipment and lighting. "Work conditions and employee attitude contribute to a lower accident rate at Rosemont," said

Lorimer. He noted that cleaner facilities tend to make the employee a bit more careful.

Another first timer in the ZAP competition taking place honors was Washington garage, the Special Services facility.

William Wong, maintenance supervisor at Washington garage, said the facility will continue to participate in ZAP, and hopes to continue in first place.

Wong attributed the garage's first place ZAP showing to the close supervision of part time employees where he said the most attention was needed. Close supervision by the Equipment Engineering/Maintenance and Industrial Safety Group, and monthly fire drills also played a part in Washington garage's success in ZAP, Wong said.

Meanwhile, rail maintenance per-



The undercarriage of this truck at the new Rosemont terminal gets a good inspection from this safety conscious crew which includes (from left) repairers Bill Nielsen, Joe Kolek, and Ed Regester.



Fields discusses a heating circuit problem on this 2400 series car with maintenance repairmen (from left) Mike Cochran, Al Curtis, and John Luiz.



Showing off first place ZAP plaques earned at Skokie shops are (from left) Jan Broda, Shop Service foreman; Frank Vukovics, unit supervisor; Frank Porcaro, Sub-Mechanical foreman; Bob Bueger, Carpenter Shop foreman; Ted Szymanski, Armature Room foreman; George Haenisch, superintendent; Vito Pontrelli, acting foreman, Armature Room; Mark Dundovich, unit supervisor; Pat Harnett, Sub-Electrical foreman; Ken Blocker, Blacksmith/Welding foreman, and George Wylie, unit supervisor.

sonnel at the 98th Street terminal took their second consecutive first place ZAP honor. Foreman Leon Fields, formerly of 61st Street terminal, said as personnel at 98th Street continue to exercise safety discipline, the accident rate continues to decline.

"Our record has improved greatly because our personnel are really taking safety seriously," said Fields.

First place winners in the Bus Shops competition were: Vehicle Wiring, Upholstery Shop, Mechanical, Electrical Units Rebuild, Engine Rebuild, Machine Shop, Radiator Shop, and the Print Shop.

At Skokie Rail Shops first place honors went to: Carpenter Shop, Armature Room, Shop Service, Blacksmith/Welding, Degreasing, Sub-Mechanical, and Sub-Electrical.



Leon Fields, 98th Street terminal foreman (center, shop coat), is proud of the first place achievement earned by maintenance personnel. Holding the coveted plaque is Mike Cochran, car repairer.

Maintenance employees earn a Day in CTA



Josefina Ramos, Terry Short, and Roy Mitchell, Maintenance department personnel honored with "A Day in CTA," get a close look at operations in the control center. Their hosts are bus controllers Michael Sanchez (back to camera), and Frank Jones.

Three employees from Equipment Engineering & Maintenance were recognized January 10 for their alertness and actions beyond the call of duty with a "Day in CTA."

Terry Short, night foreman at North Avenue, was making a routine inspection of the garage last winter when he discovered flames shooting out of a large electrical box. After summoning help over a bus monitor, he turned off electrical power and attempted to extinguish the blaze until firemen arrived. Due to his efforts, damage was kept to a minimum and all personnel remained out of danger.

Roy Mitchell, acting foreman, Rail South, was in the Racine shop when he noticed a flash in the yard last July 21. Upon investigation, he found a fire under a rapid transit car, and notified the Control Center. After calling for the removal of power in the yard, he tried to put the fire out with a hand extinguisher. Mitchell and other repair personnel continued working to contain the fire until firemen arrived.

Josephine Ramos, bus servicer at North Avenue, risked her personal safety on two occasions last fall to stop runaway buses. In both instances she jumped onto a moving bus to bring it to a stop. By taking prompt action, she was able to prevent any injuries to personnel or damage to the equipment.

Perfect attendance

Equipment Engineering & Maintenance employees who achieved perfect attendance records at their jobs in 1983 have been presented with achievement awards for their efforts. Florence Salus, superintendent of Personnel, announced the following recipients from among bus maintenance personnel:

Archer:

Allan Adamczyk
Carmen Alletto
Wayne Burton
Richard Creal
Salvatore DeStefano
Steven Econom
David Evans
Gabriel Figueroa
Federico Garza
Patrick Healy
Gregory Johnson
Dennis Kostolansky
Jose Mercado
Lorenzo Rodriguez
Antone Shimkus
David Thompson Jr.

William Vandusen

Calvin Webb

Beverly:

Donald Berge
Burton Bockel
Dennis Dougherty
Roger Ferguson
Claude Fizer
Thomas Hummel
Andrew Karkoska
Fred Klotzbucher
Paul Klotzbucher
Thomas Paski
Jonathan Rivers
Thomas Smith
Melvin Tolliver

Forest Glen:

Steven Braswell
Robert Kaese
Richard Kosinski
Thaddeus Kwiecien
Gaspere Lombardo
Mark Maginnis
Aldo Marsico
Salvatore Marsico
Edward Murray
Robert Romano
Michael Schwarz
Larry Styburski
Richard Ulasz
Phillip Wong

Lawndale:

John Brown
Verdie Coleman
Leslie Gooley
Michael Jurek
William Michaluk
Salvatore Salatino

Limits:

Maurice Austin
Julio Diaz
Roger Louis-Charles
George Maloy
Raul Robaina

North Avenue:

Jerry Dominick
Vincent Genna
Jose Guerrero
Joseph Lombardo
Gumersindo Nazario
Michael Nykolyshyn
Elmer Seymore
Nicola Tropea
North Park:
Leonard Bialek
Jose Caravantes
Patrick Daly
Alcides Gonzales
Gary Kendzerski
Sang Joo Kim
Robert Lorentz
Keith Szlak
Mariano Urdaz
Ronald Vick
John Ward
William Wehrmeister

69th Street:

James Allen
Charles Baker
Eugene Banks
Robert Bosco
Harvey Brock

Vandie Brown

Byron Clinton
James Evans
Michael Jagielski
Horace Lewis
Clarence Reese Jr.
Willie Whaley
77th Street:
Marcellus Barnes
Louis Coleman
William Donovan
Andrew Durity
Clarence Forbes
Bernard Grant
Raymond Hendricks Jr.
Willie Hudson
Harold Johnson
Wadsworth Jones
Roger Koehler
Alan Lewis
David Pavey
Lasalle Randle
Robert Valerious
Louis Warmack
Samuel Washington
John Wiggins
Kleo Zaharopoulos

Crisis intervention



Separate groups of CTA women employees participated in recent seminars on rape crisis intervention conducted by the Women's Services Department, Loop YWCA. Attending were (Top, front row), Sandra Shintani, Francesca Pancewicz, Dorothy Johnson, Elda Leal, Carol Mamon, Joan Berry, Betty Richman, Virginia McGraw, Dickelle Fonda, Program Coordinator, Women's Services, and Barbara Engel, Director of Women's Services, Loop YWCA. James Blaa (left), special assistant to Executive Director Bernard Ford, and Ford (right) were also present. Others in the photo are (back row), Ruth Alicia Moore, Ethel Armstrong, Mary Beth Cobleigh, CTA Assault and Rape Victim Advocacy Program Coordinator; Theresa Sawyer, Margo Julun, Helma Duniver, Judy Hedin, Veronica Parker, and Charlie Mae Lee. The second group (bottom photo) included (front row), Mary Beth Cobleigh, Claudette Westbrook, Dickelle Fonda, Geri Tapling, Camilla Render, Diane Rockymore, Diane Blaino, Carolyn Brown, Ella Otis, and Arlene Jenny. Others shown (back row) are James Blaa, Barbara Engel, Norma Porter, Jan Olson, Clare Cox, Frances Calpin, and Hattie Peterson.



Food baskets

CTA employees at the Merchandise Mart filled these boxes with canned goods and other food items to be distributed to the needy during the Christmas season. The contributions were delivered to Chicago's Department of Human Services. Shown preparing the boxes for delivery are (from left) Carol Jackson, computer section data entry clerk; Wendy Evans, Schedules section control clerk; Virginia Wolfe, secretary, Schedules section, and James Marble, senior schedules clerk. Marble was project coordinator. Another participant in the Christmas project for the needy was Alton Norris, schedule maker.



Firemen, CTA workers halt t



- 1 A snorkel is the only answer as firemen work on the remains of the 129-year-old building which was later felled by a wrecking ball.
- 2 This smoldering, twisted wreckage is all that remains of Lake Street as firemen continue to pump water.
- 3 Bricks and other rubble from the north wall of Lake Street 'L' tracks at Jefferson with the fire were strewn onto the structure (above) and are being cleaned up.

A fire in the Lake Jefferson Industrial Building, 601-627 W. Lake St., at 3:30 a.m. on January 3 quickly mushroomed into one of Chicago's worst fires in two years when a three-inch natural gas pipe ruptured, escalating the fire's intensity.

The natural gas, backed by a force of 17 pounds per square inch of pressure, spewed its energy-rich fuel into the flames, converting the fire into an inferno.

To reach this pipe's shut-off valve, Peoples Gas Company crews had to dig a hole three feet deep into Lake street, a difficult task in the face of the heat generated by the blaze. They finally reached the valve at 11:15 a.m. and turned off the gas.

Above the diggers stood the Lake street 'L' structure. It appeared to be the growing fire's target until the CTA asked the Fire Department for help.

At the request of CTA officials at the fire scene, firefighters were assigned to train hoses on the Lake street 'L' structure to protect its steel, iron, and wooden components from the intense heat.

A 14 m.p.h. south wind fanned the flaming fingers at the old metal and wood elevated structure raising fears that damage might be caused by warping or cracking of its columns and horizontal support beams. The old structure had been riveted together in 1893.

It was newer than the six-story building at Lake and Jefferson which was constructed in 1855 and managed to survive the

Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

C. Len Wiksten, director of Facilities Maintenance, and his staff were at the fire scene shortly after they were alerted that the blaze was endangering the 'L' structure.

During the height of the furious fire, they looked on in horror as the north wall of the six-story building suddenly collapsed, sending tons of bricks and steel onto the old 'L' structure and into Lake street.

By dawn, the smoke streaked sky over Lake and Jefferson illuminated a scene of apparent disastrous results to the old Lake street 'L.'

A large section of the double track structure was burdened with rubble piled on the running rails, third rails, footwalks and ties. Water used to control the fire now encased everything on the structure and in the street with ice because of the below freezing weather that gripped the city.

Worse yet, two towering portions of the burned buildings loomed over the 'L' structure, threatening to repeat the first calamity.

Wiksten and his men took a grim survey of the scene. They listed about 250 feet of third rail mangled or broken; 1,000 feet of telephone cable and another thousand feet of signal cable was burned through in various places, leaving some of it in the street below.

They counted 37 stout timber ties broken, 310 feet of wood

re threatening damage to 'L' service



flames from a better vantage point. The gutted structure seriously overshadowed the 'L' tracks as

remains of the six-story industrial building at the site of the fire. Tons of brick and steel fell into the rubble.

the six-story burning building tumbled onto the tracks as a result of an earthquake. Tons of brick and steel fell onto Lake Street until workmen (below) were able to clear the tracks.



guard rails were broken, and more than 80 feet of wood footwalks between the tracks had completely or partially collapsed.

The worst part was structural damage to seven top lateral steel angles and six top flange angles, which were bent for lengths of one to five feet.

"As soon as the smoke cleared, CTA laborers hauled many, many 100-pound bags of sand up the stairs of the Clinton station," said Pat McCarthy, supervisor of track and structure.

"Under the guidance of LeVelle Nichols, their foreman, they spread the sand over the disaster scene and got as close to those towering pieces of walls as possible," he said.

McCarthy said the laborers then assisted track foreman Bob Wantrease and his section gang in removing the ice and debris from the structure, and hauled up fresh lumber and equipment from the street.

Rebuilding and rehabilitating of the structure and its components were coordinated by Tommy Staunton, unit supervisor, track construction, who ordered the needed materials from West Shops' storeroom 48, and Charles Dunkins, unit supervisor, track maintenance and his crew working on the damaged site.

Meanwhile, carpenter leader Stein Gunderson and a small gang of carpenters went to work replacing the damaged footwalks between the tracks under the supervision of Joe Fucarino, unit supervisor, general maintenance.

All of this CTA employee activity was going on in the shadows of those two ruined structures—one, apparently an elevator shaft, the other the remains of a tall chimney.

About 125 CTA workers were working on the structure while smoke continued to rise from the fire's rubble.

By late Tuesday afternoon a huge crane, sitting imperially on its own three trailers, with a smaller crane used to put it together, arrived under a police escort.

With darkness falling, the Chicago Fire Department brought in its lighting trucks to illuminate the demolition scene. The giant crane and its two-ton "headache" ball leveled the shaft and chimney to track height.

The Chicago Department of Inspectional Services brought in a crane to pick off the tops of the remaining walls. John Dean, demolition director for that department, reported that the building owner had contacted a wrecking company to raze the remainder of his building in the interest of public safety.

While this was going on, two ironworker crews inspected about 200 feet of the 'L' structure in the vicinity of the collapsed wall for metal warping or structural cracks. They discovered only superficial damage. Their work was directed by Glenn Zika, planning engineer.

At 4:40 a.m. Wednesday morning, power was restored to the third rails by the power/rail supervisors in the Control Center.



CTA workmen at Clinton station wrap up details of the cleanup as 'L' service is restored after 26 hours of delay due to a devastating fire in sub-zero temperatures.

At 5 a.m. an out-of-service eight-car train was driven over the eastbound track while maintenance personnel stationed at columns in the area of the collapsing wall observed the columns' foundations for any sign of instability.

At 5:28 a.m. service was restored.

Restoration of cab signal cable that contains 60 connections was done by Dave Barr, signal foreman, and his maintainers and supervised by Foreman Steve Zellner, Signal Maintenance, Central Section.

Charles Parham, telephone maintenance foreman, and his gang made 300 delicate soldering connections in the junction box that was rebuilt at the Clinton station.

George Christensen, unit supervisor, radio and telephone, supervised another gang of workers who made 300 splices in the damaged telephone cable.

Gene Hill, utility superintendent, assisted by Jim Sheldon, handled the logistics of bringing the supplies to the fire scene with various trucks and other vehicles.

Reporter Shriner calls CTA response amazing



Larry Shriner (left), freelance reporter, donates a video tape of the January 3 multi-alarm Lake-Jefferson fire, Chicago's worst in two years, to CTA. Accepting on behalf of the Authority is CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli.

"I think a word of thanks has to be said to the Salvation Army," said Pat McCarthy. "They provided free coffee, soup, and hearty sandwiches to the firefighters, our workers, and a fellow who took video film pictures practically all through the night. I think his name is Larry Shriner," McCarthy said.

Thomas Wolgemuth, manager, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance Department, said he was extremely pleased with the professional manner and efficiency his personnel displayed in repairing the damaged Lake Street 'L' structure.

"I want to especially acknowledge the outstanding efforts made by our laborers and lower echelon personnel who performed double and triple duty doing hard, sometimes grueling, work with fine spirit and dedication. This successful project could not have been so without their willing, cooperative efforts," Wolgemuth said.

Fear that the Lake street 'L' structure may have been permanently, or temporarily crippled lasted just 26 hours.



Mother Nature's artistic hand developed this icy scene at Jefferson and Lake Streets (looking east) as firemen continue to hose the burning structure. Although the signal cable at left is down, the traffic signal continues to function.

Larry Shriner, WGN radio traffic reporter and free lance video cameraman, was at the fire scene giving millions of radio listeners his first hand reports of developments of the fire.

"Despite sub-zero temperatures, heat from the intense fire radiated hundreds of feet from the burning six story brick building. Fire fighters and equipment had to retreat to a safe distance to avoid being scorched.

"Once the walls began to crumble and fall, fire fighters were able to move closer and direct larger volumes of water on the burning buildings. Until then, there was very little they could do as flames blew out every window and shot 75 to 100 feet through the roofs.

"Although CTA maintenance repairmen had been working on the structure through the night, it seemed to me that it might be days or maybe even a week before service could be restored.

"But at 5:27 a.m. the following morning the first CTA train passed over the previously damaged tracks and structure.

"It was truly amazing that service was restored so quickly."

CTA employees participate in a gift to sickle cell



Skokie Shop foreman James R. House (top hat), worshipful master, Garden City Lodge 59, F&AM, presents a \$500 check to James H. Dawkins of the Sickle Cell Anemia Midwest Association. Other lodge officers present for the donation are (from left) Samuel I. Graham, treasurer; Lawrence A. Watts, 69th Street Garage, senior warden; Thurston Hill, junior warden; Past Grand Master Alto Clark, and Past Master Ernest L. Johnson, South Shops, lodge secretary.

Masons of Garden City Lodge 59, F&AM presented a \$500 donation to the Sickle Cell Anemia Midwest Association recently. The southside masonic lodge membership includes more than 20 CTA employees.

James H. Dawkins, past first vice president of the Sickle Cell Midwest Association, received the donation in a special ceremony. Making the presentation was Skokie Shops foreman James House, Worshipful Master of Garden City Lodge.

Other CTA employees attending the ceremony were South Shops foreman Ernest L. Johnson, district deputy grand master, past master of Garden City Lodge, and lodge secretary; South Shops mechanics Milton Britton, Levelle Stewart, and Roy Slater, assistant secretary; laborers William Robinson, and Orlando Stanback; blacksmith Tobbie Gowans, and electrician Charles Dickerson.

Others were 69th Street bus operators Thomas Washington, and Lawrence A. Watts, senior warden, and 77th Street bus operators Kevin Sparks and Juan McClellan, and Delmar Morton, material control, South Shops.

Limits operator finds relief in marathons

Chicago was in awe of the spectacular running feat, the demonstrated athletic prowess, and subsequent finish last October 16 by two foreign contestants in the city's American Marathon-Chicago.

Kenya's Joseph Nzar, and England's John Hughes pushed hard in the final laps toward the finish line, zipping back and forth for the glorious first place honor as the African finally, and narrowly edged the Englishman by a hair's breadth in a little more than two hours.

It was a great show by the two visitors to America but hope looms that Chicago may soon have a home grown champion. It is an idea which surely must have crossed many a Chicagoan's mind, and most certainly has crossed the mind of CTA bus operator James C. Boyd of Limits Garage, a gospel minister and student at Chicago Baptist Institute.



James C. Boyd, Limits bus operator and marathon runner, zips along at a brisk pace during a Saturday morning trek with the Stony Island Runners' Club.

Boyd, a marathon runner for nearly eight years, was among the hundreds who crossed the finish line behind Nzar last fall. He finished in a respectable 3 hours, 17 minutes—respectable enough in such a grueling event, to warrant observing over the next several months as he prepares for the 1984 American Marathon-Chicago.

Boyd's philosophy of the sport practically ties running to the soul. "I run for spiritual well being as well as for the physical benefits derived," he said. "I find it stimulating for both mind and body. It helps me to relax and to deal with everyday stress," he added.

The Limits bus operator participates in a minimum of two marathons annually. Events in which he has regularly participated in more than seven years of running include races for Sickle Cell, Olive-Harvey College, Loop the Loop, the Chicago Lung Association, Rosemont Horizon Turkey Trot, the American Restaurant Association, and the Beverly Ridge Run.

To stay in shape, Boyd runs at least
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10 miles at each outing, usually between 50 and 70 miles per week, unless he is training for a particular event which may require a different strategy and a different pace.

His particular training vehicle is the Stony Island Runners' Club, a south-side organization of dedicated running enthusiasts representing a variety of careers who meet each Saturday morning for a basic 10-mile trek. Usually running at his side is Boyd's wife, Brenda. The couple's 12-year old son, Kenneth, an occasional runner, prefers biking, said Boyd.

Hit record



★ JOYDAN PRINCE ★

A new single release recording, "My Heart Skips a Beat," by recording artist Joydan Prince, was written by the singer and her husband, CTA ticket agent Afidale Prince.

Prince, a CTA employee for 20 years, has also guided his wife's career. The recording artist's best seller mail order album, "All Time Hits," was awarded the Good Time Award by Good Time Magazine of Los Angeles and Chicago.

Two songs from the album, "Midnight Train to Georgia," and "For Your Precious Love," were popular singles, Prince said. He said other songs recorded by his wife include, "I Lost a Love," "Hey Mister," and "If I Could Live My Life Over Again."

Joydan has made night club appearances in Las Vegas, the Chicago area, New York and other cities around the country. She and her husband Afidale are the parents of six children.

Your Health

Cigarette smoking slows blood flow to brain

Cigarette smoking slows blood flow to the brain and is also the leading risk factor for heart attack in women under 50 years of age, according to recent reports of the American Medical Association.

Compared to nonsmokers, cigarette smokers (those who smoke more than one pack per day) experience a seven percent decrease in blood flow to the brain. This blood deficit increases the risk for stroke, say Robert L. Rogers, MA, and colleagues from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"Smoking seems to be a potent risk factor decreasing cerebral blood flow probably by enhancing cerebral arteriosclerosis," say the researchers after studying 192 smokers and nonsmokers. "Our present study lends further support to long-suspected clinical impressions that there is increased risk for stroke among chronic cigarette smokers."

Smokers experience an even greater blood deficit to the brain if they also suffer from other risk factors, such as hypertension, hyperlipidemia and diabetes, the researchers add.

A related report from Boston University says that of all risk factors associated with nonfatal first heart attacks in women under 50 years of age, cigarette smoking is the most dramatic.

Lynn Rosenberg, ScD, and colleagues studied more than 1,000 women and found that 65 percent of all nonfatal first myocardial infarctions (heart attacks due to decreased blood supply) in women were attributable to cigarette smoking.

"The relative risk of MI increased with the amount smoked," say the researchers. "The estimated risk of myocardial infarction for current smokers of 35 or more cigarettes per day was ten times that of women who never smoked," they add.

After smoking, the most prominent risk factors were elevated total plasma cholesterol levels and decreased levels of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol. Higher levels of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol have been associated with reduced risk of coronary heart disease.

Submit retirement applications early

If you're planning to retire soon your application should be submitted to the Pension Section not later than the 14th day of the month preceeding the effective date of your retirement.

As an example, an employee planning to retire March 1, 1984, should have an application on file with the secretary's office on or before February 14, 1984. Applications should be obtained from the individual's department.

If you work in:	You should see:
Transportation	Joe Tunzi Rm. 760 - Mart Ext. 4159
Plant Maintenance (West Shops)	Mike Rickson 3900 W. Maypole 722-6700 Ext. 504
Rail & Surface Janitors	Leonard Beatty Madison & Wabash 263-4434 Ext. 2274
Vehicle Maintenance (South Shops)	Wally Feulner 7801 S. Vincennes 874-7100 Ext. 303
Surface Janitors	Harold Berndt 3900 W. Maypole 722-6700 Ext. 408
Operations Planning	Sophia Reynolds Rm. 703 - Mart Ext. 4071
Accounts Receivable	John Billis Rm. 714 - Mart Ext. 4518
Personnel/ Area 605	Mary Beth Hurley Rm. 742 - Mart Ext. 3476
Rail Vehicle Maintenance (Skokie Shops)	Tom Smith 3701 Oakton 973-3280

Annual Dinner Dance

The third annual dinner dance sponsored by Painters Local 396 was held recently at Zum Dutchen Ech. Festivities included a nine course dinner, and dancing to the music of Dezeray. Enjoying the evening were (1) the Richard Hannigan family; (2) Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hull, South Shops; (3) Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Knudsen, West Shops; and (4) Don Freebairn, and Mr. and Mrs. Rich Chacon, South Shops.



Officers of Local 396 are (seated from left) Jim Downes, vice president; Loid Brown, business representative; Jim Haynie, president. Others are (standing) John Norman, executive board; John Glatz, recording secretary; John Seay, executive board; Ralph Ziegler, warden, and Luther Walker, steward.



Scouting honors Lemons with Silver Beaver award



Walter Lemons, Jr., and his wife, Ida Mae, outside their tent at the Philmont Ranch for Boy Scouts near Cimarron, New Mexico. During visits to the ranch, Lemons serves as scoutmaster and protestant chaplain, and his wife serves as a den leader.

To Walter Lemons Jr., the phrase, "the boy is the father of the man," is not a jingle. It's one of life's signposts that should not be ignored.

Since 1948, Lemons has been an adult volunteer in the Boy Scouts of America and since 1953 he has been associated with the Greater Metropolitan Baptist Church, 5856 S. Wabash av., where he serves as scoutmaster and troop counselor and his wife, Ida Mae, serves as den leader. The couple have five grown children.

"When my wife and I joined Greater Metropolitan Baptist church we learned it had an inactive scouting program. Thanks to the cooperation of other adult volunteers in the church, Boy Scout Troop No. 188 and Cub Pack No. 3188, were brought back to the lists of active Boy Scout and Cub Scout units," Lemons said.

Lemons is seniority clerk in the CTA's Transportation Department at the Merchandise Mart and has been a CTA

employee for 32 years.

Scouting to some people is a pastime; to Lemons and his wife it is a commitment with strong religious overtones. Not only does Lemons act as scoutmaster for his troop, he also serves as chaplain for the BSA's Midway District bounded by the lakefront, 35th street, Dan Ryan expressway, and 95th street.

"Many of the boys in this district don't have fathers living at home. Their families are headed by their mothers. If there is another adult in the family, it's usually another woman, a grandmother or aunt. Boys, especially those from about eight years old through their mid-teens, need, and many actually crave, a father figure.

"How else can a developing boy, with boyhood instincts and needs, become a well-rounded, responsible adult without a positive adult male to guide him through the tempestuous teens?" Lemons asked.

"The distractions caused by drugs, promiscuous sexual activity, gangs, and sporadic lawlessness can be overcome by the developing boy who has a good image of himself and knows he has a bright future.

"This kind of boy knows that opportunity knocks on the door of the person who has prepared himself to meet challenges that lead to achievements, and he anticipates success in his future field of endeavor."

In 1982, in recognition of his dedication to scouting and his religion, Lemons was awarded the Good Shepherd Religious Award from the National Association of Baptists for Scouting, which has its headquarters in Irving, Texas. The award is a gold metal cross emblazoned with a shepherd's staff on a red, white and blue ribbon.

This important award goes annually to the person who has made significant contributions in scouting and religious work for the betterment of youth.

In January, Lemons received the prestigious Silver Beaver Award from Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Samuel Nolan, chairman of the Silver Beaver Selections Committee, wrote Lemons and said, "I am very pleased to inform you that the Executive Committee approved our recommendation and you are to receive this, the highest recognition a local Boy Scout Council can bestow on its volunteers."

Lemons also serves as a neighborhood scouting commissioner working with other scout troops on various improvement and educational projects. He is past chairman for cub scouting in his district, and has served as chaplain and leads protestant religious services at the famous Philmont Ranch for Boy Scouts near Cimarron, New Mexico, for 600 adults and 300 to 400 boys encamped there. In addition, he served as camp counsellor.

"My philosophy of life and continued dedication to scouting partly came from those many, many 'father and son' talks I have had with boys during 35 years of scouting. The rest came from my religious training at the Moody Bible Institute here in Chicago, teaching classes in church school, and serving as church school superintendent for six years," Lemons said.

"So what does all this prove, you probably ask yourself," he continued. "Every so often a grown man will come up to me, offer his hand, and tell me who he is, that I once was his scoutmaster and now he is a success in his chosen field.

"I'm not ashamed to admit I get a lump in my throat and develop a husky voice now and then when that happens. I can feel my soul shout with joy and the satisfaction from those words I hear cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

"My personal goal in life is to leave this world a little better than the way I found it."

New organization invites rail fan membership

A new organization which may be of interest to rail fans is open for membership.

The Shore Line Interurban Historical Society was formed for persons interested in the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee, Chicago South Shore and South Bend, and Chicago Aurora and Elgin Railroads.

Members will receive a quarterly publication entitled First and Fastest. Annual dues are \$10 for individuals.

Information and membership applications may be obtained from Shore Line Interurban Historical Society, P.O. Box 346, Chicago, IL 60690.



Retirement rookies

The latest to join CTA pensioners from the Claims Department for some well deserved leisure are (from left) Cecil Mimms, John Bosacki, and Rocco Iacullo. Their combined service represents 104 years of dedicated employment. An open house in their honor was sponsored by Claims Department co-workers.



Rowbottom

"All the best" is wished for Harold Rowbottom (right) as he retires after 42 years of service with CTA and its predecessors. Presenting the transit project representative with a retirement folder is Harold Hirsch, manager, Operations Planning. Co-workers, family members and friends honored Rowbottom at a reception in the executive conference room.



41 Years

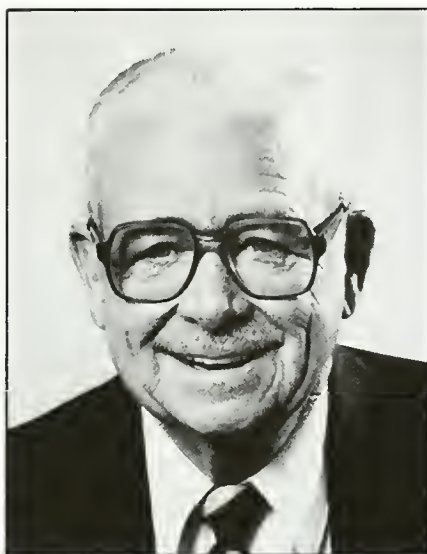
John Boyce, safety standards specialist, and his wife, and daughter, Mrs. Lucille Boyce, and Mrs. Karen Ekstrom, admire the plaque of memorabilia which was designed by Safety Manager Tom Boyle and presented to the retiring Boyce in commemoration of his 41 years of service.



Memorabilia

Insurance Clerk Jim Burklow and his wife, Gladys, display a montage of memorabilia spanning his 37 years of service, which began in 1946 with the Chicago Motor Coach Company as an extra trainman and later as a streetcar motorman. Burklow retired January 1 and now resides in Mt. Vernon, Indiana. His Insurance Department co-workers feted him and his family with a farewell open house, and presented him with a monetary gift.

Birthday/retirement bash surprises Bill Rooney



Kathy O'Malley of the Rolling Meadows Daily Herald reports that CTA's Bill Rooney (Far North Area superintendent) thought he was going to a birthday party for Darlene Cullen, a friend, when he discovered that the party was really for him.

"It was a combination birthday/retirement bash thrown by Bill's wife, Mary, who had never been able to surprise Bill before". Nearly 60 people gathered at the Sheraton-Walden Hotel in Rolling Meadows to help celebrate with dinner and cocktails.

"Mary figured that Bill's Christmas day birthday, and January 1 retirement after 40 years, was cause enough for a big party," so she began planning the surprise last September. One couple came from as far away as Pittsburgh. Bill's sister of Niagara Falls also flew in for the surprise.

"There were plenty of friends from Rolling Meadows on hand as well as the Rooney's son Brian, his wife, Bonnie,

and their six-year old daughter Erin from Aurora, and Mary and Bill's daughter, Mary J. Rooney of Antioch."

Mary credits Brian and his wife as well as his sister Mary with helping to make the affair a memorable event for their father.

A host of Bill's CTA co-workers who were also on hand for the farewell bash included Michael Veltri, superintendent, Desplaines/54th terminal; Michael LaVelle, director of service; Patrick O'Malley, assistant superintendent, Howard terminal, and Tom Stiglic, CTA retired former director of Training.

Transit Project Representative Harold Rowbottom, another Rolling Meadows resident and friend attending the Rooney bash, called the celebration one of the finest he has attended. "It's the first time I've ever seen Rooney speechless," said Rowbottom. Both Rowbottom and Veltri will also become pensioners on January 1 after more than 42 years with CTA and predecessor companies.

Service Anniversaries in January

35 Years

Maury Adams, Douglas/Congress
Robert Desvignes, Transportation
Robert Flowers, Rail Maintenance
Henry Fullriede, Materials Mgmt.
Walter Kinnish, Lawndale
Peter Kourakos, North Park
Stanley Kubicz, Forest Glen
Stanley Kuropas, South Shops
Thomas Lenoir Jr., 77th Street
Daniel O'Donnell, Equip. Engr./Maint.

30 Years

John Broadnax, South Shops
Prestal Carnes, Bus Instruction
Watkiel Edwards, Central Bus Dist.
Richard Goldman, Limits
Ray Hardin, Limits
Alfred Jackson, Stores-South
Tomie Jackson, North Avenue
Charles Lindsay, Lawndale
Melvin Mitchell, Lawndale
Thomas Warren, Relief Area-Bus
Wilson Washington, 77th Street
John Weber Jr., North Park
Robert Zimmerman, Forest Glen

25 Years

Stanley Andrews, Forest Glen
Joseph Carlyon, South Shops
George Cox, Power & Way
Lincoln Eaton, Forest Glen
Harvey Heide, Buildings & Grounds
Charles Kehoe, South Shops
Louie Lee, 77th Street
Arthur Piecyk, Skokie Shop

Edward Schwamb, Transportation
John Smith, North Avenue
Chester Tylinski, Archer

New Pensioners December, 1983

LUTHER BROWN, Rail Janitor,
Madison & Wabash, Emp. 4-30-68
CLARENCE DOTSON, Rail Janitor,
Madison & Wabash, Emp. 9-7-67

Disability Retirements

GREGORY ANTHONY, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 5-23-57
*ROBERT DENNIS, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 4-18-66
GIUSEPPE GERACI, Shop Tractor Oper.,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 10-25-71
ROY HOWARD, Rail Janitor,
Madison & Wabash, Emp. 12-14-65
HENRY LAWS, Bus Instructor,
Training Center, Emp. 9-28-50
MICHAEL NUGENT, Car Repairman,
Kimball, Emp. 11-3-67

*Retroactive to 11-1-83

New Pensioners January 1984

EDWARD ADAMOWSKI, Bank Ldgr. Bkpr. 11,
Treasury, Emp. 9-15-47
JAMES ALLEN, Trainman,
Desplaines, Emp. 2-7-49
ELMER AUST, Craneman A,
West Shops, Emp. 5-8-41

THOMAS BANKS, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 9-17-53
HENRY BEATY Jr., Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 8-11-48
LeANDREW BLAKE, Bus Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-28-49
MICHAEL BOGIRA, Car Repairman,
54th Street, Emp. 8-5-52
JOHN BOSACKI, Claim Representative,
Law/Claims, Emp. 10-2-51
JOHN BOYCE, Safety Strd. Spec.,
Safety, Emp. 9-24-42
HARVEY BROCK, Bus Repairer,
69th Street, Emp. 6-21-51
VERNON BURGESS, Asst. Supt.,
Transportation, Emp. 3-9-48
JAMES BURKLOW, Ins. Clerk V,
Insurance & Pensions, Emp. 4-15-46
THEODORE BURNETT, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 4-18-52
WILL CANDY, Bus Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 8-24-43
JOHN CAROLAN, Chief Clerk,
Jefferson Park, Emp. 11-27-41
JACK CARTER, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 7-22-46
RAYMOND COLELLO, Superintendent
Lawndale, Emp. 10-20-47
FRANK COLEMAN, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 3-12-53
MARTIN CONNEELY, Car Repairman,
61st Street, Emp. 6-12-51
JAMES COONEY, Warehouse Wkr. 11,
South Shops, Emp. 11-5-48
ROBERT CRANE, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 7-29-46
LEONARD DAKE, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 9-27-47
BYRON DEAN, Bus Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 10-17-46
ARMANDO DeBUONO, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-12-48

SAM DeVUONO, Carpenter Foreman,
West Shops, Emp. 7-16-46
JOSEPH DREW, Bus Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 11-23-53
LOUIS DRINKA, Elec. Wkr. Ldr.,
South Shops, Emp. 5-3-44
PETER DUFFY, Warehouse Wkr. 1,
South Shops, Emp. 2-12-51
CLAUDE DUNLAP, Car Repairman,
61st Street, Emp. 7-3-51
THECLA DUSZYNSKI, Bindery Wkr. Ldr.,
South Shops, Emp. 9-11-56
ROY EVANS, B&T Mech. Foreman,
South Shops, Emp. 10-11-52
BENERRAGE FLENAUGH, Ticket Agent,
Jefferson Park, Emp. 12-31-53
AMOS FOSTER, Money Handler,
South Shops, Emp. 8-6-53
PAUL FRANK, Conductor,
Jefferson Park, Emp. 5-14-48
SAM GIRARD, Chief Clerk,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-6-46
ANTHONY GRIMALDI, Carpenter,
South Shops, Emp. 5-3-48
WILLIAM HARRIS Jr., Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 11-3-47
FRANCIS HARTIG, Bus Operator
Archer, Emp. 2-17-50
ROLAND HARTNEY, Assignment Clerk,
95th Street, Emp. 3-28-40
IRVING HENDERSON, Bus Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 6-11-53
JAMES HICKMAN, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 8-13-53
ATLAS HORN, Sheet Metal Worker,
South Shops, Emp. 7-16-52
ROCCO IACULLO, Claim Coordinator,
Law/Claims, Emp. 6-28-46
EARL JACKSON, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 11-13-51
MAXINE JEFFERSON, Agent Supervisor,
North Section, Emp. 6-15-51
WALTER JENTSCH, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 3-6-61
ARCEDUS JONES, Bus Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 11-16-53
ROLAND JONES, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 3-17-69
WILLIAM KALBOTH, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-15-47
LOUIS KASPER, Warehouse Wkr. 1,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 9-22-69
JOSEPH KILCULLEN, Warehouse Wkr. 11,
South Shops, Emp. 12-11-50
WILLIAM KILLION, Money Handler,
South Shops, Emp. 8-13-53
JOHN KINCADE, Bus Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-25-54
WILLIAM KLOS, Comm. Engr. Asst.,
Fac. Engr. & Maint., Emp. 6-2-75
ROBERT KOEHLER, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 7-24-46
VIRGIL KRUSE, Engr. Asst.,
West Shops, Emp. 1-27-47
EDWARD KRUSZYNA, Lineman,
West Shops, Emp. 10-6-48
CHARLES KUCERA, Controller,
Control Center, Emp. 2-12-47
JOHN KURINEC, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-29-46
LEROY KUTCHINS, Engr. Asst.,
West Shops, Emp. 12-17-41
JAMES LeMOND, Unit Supervisor,
West Shops, Emp. 5-20-43
HUBERT LIGON, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 7-19-56
BEN LONGINOTTI, Serv. Truck Chauff.,
West Shops, Emp. 2-14-55

ROSARIO LOREFICE, Trackman 11,
West Shops, Emp. 1-11-68
DONALD MAYER, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 3-17-58
CHRISTINE McCORD, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 5-13-76
CECIL MIMMS, Claim Rep.,
Law/Claims, Emp. 8-24-48
FLARZELL MOORE Sr., Asst. Supt.,
Beverly, Emp. 6-19-46
MARTIN MORRISON, Supervisor,
District A, Emp. 6-30-49
WILLIAM MURPHY, Chief Clerk,
Beverly, Emp. 1-27-43
JOHN NORMAN, Painter,
South Shops, Emp. 5-5-53
JOHN O'CONNOR, Director,
Pass. Cont./Graphics, Emp. 6-5-46
EUGENE PAOLI, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 10-12-53
JOHN PELZMAN, Bus Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 10-5-50
JOSEPH PHILIP Sr., Supervisor,
District A, Emp. 3-10-58
TOMIE PHILLIPS, Bus Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 8-13-53
WILLIAM RAPPOLD, Controller,
Control Center, Emp. 3-24-41
IKE RIVERS, Mail Clerk,
Management Services, Emp. 4-11-53
GEORGE ROBINSON, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 4-10-51
WILLIAM ROONEY, Superintendent,
Kimball, Emp. 12-22-43
FRANK ROSS Jr., Machinist Foreman,
West Shops, Emp. 11-1-39
HAROLD ROWBOTTOM, Trans. Proj. Rep.,
Street Traffic, Emp. 8-17-23
ANGELO SALVAGGIO, Motorman,
Desplaines, Emp. 11-1-48
ROBERT SHEA, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-19-41
JOHN SMITH, Bus Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 8-1-49
THOMAS SMITH, Supv., Proc. Rail,
Rail Shops, Emp. 8-24-65
DALE SOMSEL, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 1-4-46
RAYMOND SPAKOWSKI, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 4-27-46
JOSEPH SPARKS, Janitor,
West Shops, Emp. 2-2-53
RALPH STEPHENS, Final Assembler,
Rail Shops, Emp. 11-28-52
LEWIS TAYLOR, Bus Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 6-10-52
JOHN TIFFY, Clerk,
Central District, Emp. 5-28-46
ERNEST TONSIL, Ticket Agent,
Kimball, Emp. 8-3-53
MICHAEL VELTRI, Superintendent,
Congress, Emp. 12-18-40
PAUL VENTICINQUE, Unit Supv.,
Rail Shops, Emp. 5-26-49
WILLIAM WEBB, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 5-19-47
ELVIN WHITE, Superintendent,
77th Street, Emp. 2-24-48
JESSIE WHITEHEAD, Bus Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 10-12-53
EDWARD WHITING, Lineman,
West Shops, Emp. 8-1-45
THEODORE WRIGHT, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 12-6-48
WALTER ZAWACKI, Carpenter,
West Shops, Emp. 3-12-46
CHESTER ZIELINSKI, Carpenter Leader,
South Shops, Emp. 5-9-41

WALTER ZINKOVICH, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 3-21-63

Disability Retirements

SAMUEL BIBBINS, Mat'l Handler,
69th Street, Emp. 8-1-60
HENRY BRUCKER Jr., Bus Operator,
Transportation, Emp. 2-12-68
LONNIE FIELDS Jr., Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 5-7-70
MARY GALLAGHER, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 8-15-64
VICK SNOW, Cond./Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 5-25-73
ROY WILLIAMS, Ticket Agent,
95th Street, Emp. 10-7-70
*LOYCE WRIGHT, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-15-66

*Retroactive to 12-1-83

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LeROY ARRASMITH, 70, District D,
Emp. 4-30-42, Died 9-24-83
JOHN BELLISARIO, 77, Engineering,
Emp. 4-10-34, Died 10-28-83
GUISEPPE BOVINO, 86, Const. & Maint.,
Emp. 3-12-29, Died 10-18-83
JOHN BRUNELLI, 80, Forest Glen,
Emp. 7-22-27, Died 10-1-83
GEORGE CZAJKA, 89, Way & Strcuts.,
Emp. 5-11-23, Died 10-18-83
DUDLEY CONEY, 69, Archer,
Emp. 1-14-44, Died 10-30-83
CASTRO DAHMER, 80, Beverly,
Emp. 6-25-26, Died 10-17-83
FRED DESCH, 77, West Section,
Emp. 2-9-37, Died 10-17-83
ROBERT DIETZ, 93, West Shops,
Emp. 5-10-13, Died 10-20-83
CHARLES GERARD, 64, South Shops,
Emp. 6-21-46, Died 10-5-83
ALBERT HERRMANN, 92, Devon,
Emp. 12-23-19, Died 10-14-83
GORDON LaCROSSE, 71, Stores-North,
Emp. 9-26-46, Died 10-6-83
IRMA LUDWIG, 88, North Section,
Emp. 7-25-45, Died 10-7-83
OTTO MACRINI, 84, South Section,
Emp. 4-16-18, Died 10-7-83
FRANK MATRE, 83, Lawndale,
Emp. 5-1-26, Died 10-18-83
FRANK MITTLER, 71, 69th Street,
Emp. 5-16-46, Died 10-24-83
JOHN NEWMAN, 68, Archer,
Emp. 5-28-46, Died 9-30-83
JULIA O'CONNOR, 87, North Section,
Emp. 1-19-27, Died 10-21-83
LARS PEDERSEN, 65, North Park,
Emp. 7-30-47, Died 10-10-83
ELMER REIMANN, 81, North Section,
Emp. 9-21-37, Died 10-26-83
FRANK SCHEUBERT, 81, Engineering,
Emp. 3-23-20, Died 10-2-83
JOHN SPOO, 75, District B,
Emp. 9-29-36, Died 10-2-83
ARLENE SWANSON, 77, West Section,
Emp. 5-18-51, Died 10-17-83
BENEDICT TOLVAIS, 92, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-9-16, Died 9-24-83
EDWARD TONER Jr., 63, West Shops,
Emp. 9-29-75, Died 10-19-83
PETER YUSKA, 65, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-14-45, Died 10-27-83



New officers of the CTA Pioneers Retirement Organization are (from left) Mel Horning, first vice president; George Nash, second vice president; Frank Koziol, president; Warren Scholl, treasurer, and Walter Steinbeiss, secretary. The new slate of officers were introduced to the membership at the organization's annual Christmas party.

The first social event of the 1984 calendar for the CTA Pioneers Retirement Organization will be a Valentine Day party set for February 14, it was announced last month.

Other calendar events planned for the new year include a Mother's Day party May 8; Back to School party, September 11, and a Christmas party, December 11.

The pioneers meet the second Thursday of each month at the Golden Flame Restaurant, Nagle and Higgins avenues at 12:30 p.m. For additional information, telephone Secretary Walter Steinbeiss at 334-9386.

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Third rail round up winner recounts D.C.— Metro visit



Robert Sanders, Howard Terminal motorman and Third Rail Round-up winner, is congratulated by U.S. Senator Alen J. Dixon (D-Ill.) in Dixon's Washington office. Sanders presented Dixon with a Third Rail Round-Up belt buckle. The Senator presented Sanders with passes to the U.S. Senate visitor's gallery and to the Senate dining room.

Motorman Robert Sanders of the Howard terminal is still shaking his head in disbelief.

"That first-place prize—that all-expense paid trip to Washington I won in the Third Rail Round-Up competition was just too good to be true. Now that I look back on that wonderful week of November 5 through 11, I'm anxious to try again in the next Third Rail Round-Up," he said.

After being feted by CTA officials and Transportation Department staff members, Sanders flew from Chicago's Midway Airport to Washington's National Airport on a two and a half hour flight on Midway Air Lines on November 5. He stayed in the Ramada Inn, 14th Street and Rhode Island Avenue, about a dozen blocks from the White House.

The next day he took a motoring trip of the famous landmarks of the nation's capitol including the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. That evening he dined in Blackie's House of Beef restaurant, known for its 1930s decor and delicious prime rib dinners. It was the first of many excellent restaurants he enjoyed.

On Monday, November 7, Sanders, with invitation in hand, visited Washington's Metro subway system. What he saw, and learned, amazed him.

"When I think of Washington's Metro subway now, the first word that comes to my mind is—lavish. I mean everything about it is lavish. It's computerized, space age, ultra-modern, world class, the best," he said, describing the 42-mile long rapid transit system that took years to build

at a cost of \$8 billion.

Escorted by James Redding, Metro's assistant superintendent, Sanders toured the subway, surface, and elevated portions of the new system. Its stations have automatic fare collecting devices where zone fares are paid and the machines even make change. A one-way trip from one end of the Metro to the other costs \$3.

Boarding one of the six-car trains, with 75-foot-long cars, Sanders was startled to find that each train, as Redding explained, has a one-person crew. There are no conductors.

"That one crewman is called an operator, not a motorman. His job is to announce the stations and to stop the train if necessary with his train's cineston (power control handle). Otherwise, computers do everything—start the train, govern its speed, stop at stations, and open and close car doors," said Sanders.

Metro's cars can carry 175 persons, have wall-to-wall carpeting, fluorescent lighting, air conditioning, and can go up to 75 miles per hour.

The transit agency has its own headquarters building where special passes are required just to go from floor to floor.

"Metro's central control somewhat resembles the CTA's Control Center. The important difference is that Metro's controllers can adjust the speeds of trains from central control," Sanders said.

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Robert Sanders (right) receives his prize, an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, from Elonzo Hill, director of Training and Instruction. Joining the informal ceremony are David Martin (left), area superintendent, Central, and Dennis Closs, superintendent, Howard Terminal.

Later, Sanders visited Metro's train repair shop that resembles CTA's Skokie Shop, and a train yard capable of storing 300 cars that is operated by one switchman and one towerman.

Bidding farewell to Redding and Metro, he went to Baltimore and toured its recently completed transit line that is very similar in design to Washington's Metro but is only eight miles long. Baltimore's transit line cost \$797 million.

"Some of the stations have a visitor's area where persons can look down into the subway tube and see trains coming and going. This area is on the mezzanine level," Sanders recalled.

The following day, November 8, Sanders visited the headquarters of the American Public Transit Association.

At 2:30 p.m., Sanders met with Sen. Alan Dixon of Illinois in his Senate building office. There, he presented Dixon with a CTA Third Rail Round-Up belt buckle. In return, Dixon gave Sanders passes to the Senate dining room and visitor's gallery above the floor of the Senate.

"During a debate on the senate floor a door slowly opened and in walked Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. I finally had the opportunity to see him in person in the Senate," Sanders said.

"I admire that man for all he has gone through and suffered and still bears himself like the true gentleman that he is—and the fine family he represents."

Later, Sanders visited the graves of the Kennedy brothers at the front of the Lee-Custis mansion in Arlington National Cemetery and toured the cemetery marked by its precise rows of white crosses.

Rounding out his week-long visit, Sanders went to the White House and the Smithsonian Institution, visiting its space museum and modern art gallery.

One of the last things Sanders did in Washington was to go to the Watergate Apartments and to the door which was forced open one night in June, 1972, by Nixon Administration agents. The incident led to the Watergate Investigation.

On Friday morning he boarded a plane for his flight back to Chicago, back to his friends, and back to work.

From the Chairman

Safety is no accident

Congratulations to all CTA employees for making 1983 the safest year in CTA history and especially for re-establishing this record for the third year in a row.

Safe operation is one of our most significant accomplishments because it instills confidence in our service among the riding public and proves that we are making proper use of riders' fares and public funding. Constant improvement of safety records also demonstrates that all CTA employees are dedicated to serving the public, because safe operations can only result through safety consciousness and coordinated effort by operating, maintenance, supervisory, and instruction personnel. Once again, congratulations on this fine accomplishment, and let's strive to set a new record in 1984.

In recent years, many employee incentive, improvement, and training programs have been instituted at CTA which have certainly contributed to service improvements. Our report in this issue on the trip to Washington awarded to Third Rail Roundup winner Robert Sanders reminds us that many self-improvement and career development programs will continue to be offered throughout the Authority this year. I urge all those of you who are eligible to participate in these programs, because they will certainly lead to greater accomplishments for yourselves and the Authority.

My fellow Board members and I are also delighted that the membership of Locals 241 and 308, ATU, have voted favorably on the amendments to the Retirement Plan. By doing so, you have demonstrated your confidence in the health of our Pension Fund and your commitment to providing cost-effective service for CTA riders. Although it is necessary for CTA to suspend Pension payments and to defer the loan to the Pension Fund in order to have a balanced 1984 Budget, the amended Retirement Plan assures employees of job security while continuing to provide many Pension benefits.

Michael R. Randell

Mayor and CTA chairman dedicate Polk Street Station



CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli (left), and Mayor Harold Washington review plaque honoring Dr. David Jones Peck for whom the Polk Street 'L' station is dedicated. Dr. Peck, an 1847 graduate of Rush Medical College, was the first American Black to receive a Doctor of Medicine degree from an American medical school.

Photo by Antonio Dickey

Mayor Harold Washington and CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli dedicated CTA's newly rebuilt Polk Street/West Side Medical Center rapid transit station January 17 in memory of Dr. David Jones Peck.

Doctor Peck was graduated from Rush Medical College in 1847 and was the first American Black to receive a Doctor of Medicine degree from an American medical school.

The inscription on the plaque reads:

Polk Street Station of the Chicago Transit Authority, which serves the West Side Medical Center, was dedicated on the 17th day of January, in the year 1984 to the memory of Dr. David Jones Peck.

Dr. Peck was graduated from Rush Medical College in 1847, and was the first American black to receive a Doctor of Medicine degree from an American medical school.

*Harold Washington, Mayor
City of Chicago
Michael A. Cardilli, Chairman
Chicago Transit Authority*

The new \$2.6 million steel and concrete 'L' station along the Douglas branch of the Congress-Douglas-O'Hare rapid transit route replaces a small 91-year-old brick station built in the era of Chicago's World's Columbian Exposition of 1893.

"This Polk Street station is part of the CTA's ongoing commitment to modernization and revitalization of its facilities," Chairman Cardilli said. "The station design incorporates both panoramic windows and bright fluorescent lighting to provide beauty, as well as increased security for our riders."

Architects of the Design/Construction Section of the CTA's Facilities Engineering/Maintenance Department designed and planned the entire project.

A unique feature of the new station is its H-shaped canopy, which covers both 425-foot-long trackside concrete platforms. The passenger waiting areas are each 40 feet long and 16 feet deep, and have six infrared heaters for use during cold weather.

The station has two elevators providing complete access to both platforms for physically disabled riders.

Glass walls erected on the station's front and two sides make its interior highly visible from the street. Riders waiting for No. 37 Sedgwick/Ogden buses and other transportation will also benefit from the two sets of infrared heaters just inside the building.

The station will also have a "hotline" to the University of Illinois Medical Center for emergencies.

The project was funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation. The station was built by John Burns Construction Co., Orland Park.

New rail supervisors



Edward Tribue (third from left), and Mary Fryar, were named rail service supervisors in the West rail district, effective January 15. The appointments were made by Transportation Manager Harry Reddick (left). Others attending the promotion ceremony were Robert Desvignes, director, Administration and Performance Control, and Michael LaVelle, director of Service. Ms. Fryar becomes the first woman to be appointed to an operations rail service supervisory position. She is a veteran of 10 years CTA service while Tribue has 15 years of service.

Management theory



Showing off their certificates of training following completion of a 15-day management theory and skills orientation are (from left) controllers Luster Morton and John Betourne, and assistant superintendents Elvin Carey and Andrew Bishop. The program, developed by Bill Sholdice, superintendent, Training Development, provides orientation for assistant superintendents and controllers to management and professional theory and skills. The training covers such subjects as communications, motivation, leadership, problem solving, decision making, report writing, employee assistant program, and contract negotiations.

CTA '83 traffic, rider accidents lower than ever

CTA did it again in 1983. For the third year in a row, reports of traffic and passenger accidents were lower than ever before, making 1983 the safest year in CTA history.

CTA recorded 5.1 accidents per 100,000 miles of operation in 1983, or 7 percent fewer than the previous low of 5.5 set in 1982.

"We're very proud of this new record," said Executive Director Bernard Ford, "and we hope the riding public will appreciate how much of a coordinated effort it represents.

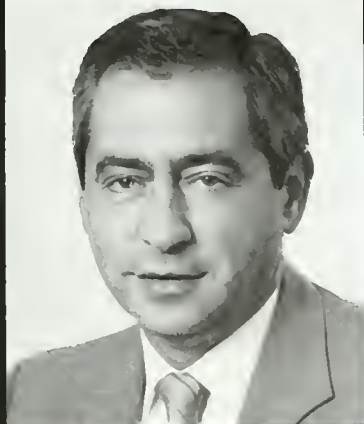
"Improved performance by bus operators and rail personnel is just part of the answer," Ford added. "We also have to recognize the contributions of supervisors and instructors, as well as our safety and maintenance departments. They have all done a fine job, and we hope to make 1984 even better."

According to Safety Department Manager Tom Boyle, CTA's 2,275 buses and 1,200 rapid transit cars were operated almost 125 million miles in 1983. He said the current fleet averaged 19,608 miles between traffic or passenger accidents per vehicle, compared to only 4,785 miles in 1947.

That was the year CTA took over operation of 3,026 streetcars, 787 motor buses and 152 trolley buses from the Chicago Surface Lines, and 1,616 rapid transit cars from the Rapid Transit Company.

Boyle said the improved safety record for 1983 translates into savings of more than three-quarters of a million dollars in claims and related costs.

Chairman Cardilli announces top management reorganization



Paul J. Kole



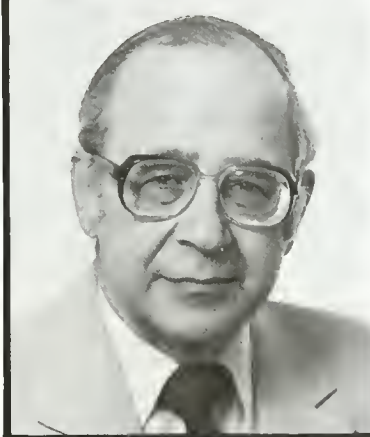
Harry Reddick



Frederick G. King



Ernest Sawyer



George Millonas



Ronald F. Bartkowicz

Six deputy executive director positions, and a deputy general attorney have been established in a reorganization of top level CTA management. All will report to Executive Director Bernard J. Ford.

CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli said the new positions were established to provide better management and greater efficiency.

The deputies are veteran CTA employees and represent a cross section of management personnel.

The changes were effective March 1.

The new positions and persons filling those positions are:

- **Deputy Executive Director, Finance**—Paul J. Kole.
Responsible for Field Review, Insurance/Pensions, Financial Services, and Treasury.
- **Deputy Executive Director,**

Operations—Harry Reddick.

Responsible for all bus and rail transportation.

- **Deputy Executive Director, Administration**—Not filled.
Responsible for Materials Management, Datacenter, and Safety.
- **Deputy Executive Director, Human Resources**—Frederick G. King.
Responsible for Personnel Administration, Affirmative Action, Community Affairs, and Management Services.
- **Deputy Executive Director, Planning and Development**—Ernest Sawyer.
Responsible for Strategic Planning, Operations Planning, and Capital Development.
- **Deputy Executive Director, Maintenance/Engineering**—

George Millonas.

Responsible for Facilities Engineering/Maintenance, and Equipment Engineering/Maintenance.

- **Deputy General Attorney**—

Ronald F. Bartkowicz.

Responsible for Law, Labor Relations, Claims, Worker's Compensation, and Real Estate.

Also reporting to the executive director are Manager, Budget—Jud Lawrie and Manager, Public Affairs—C. William Baxa.

Under the present structure of CTA, the new deputies hold the following positions: Kole, Group Manager, Finance; Reddick, Manager, Transportation; King, Group Manager, Human Resources; Sawyer, Manager, Strategic Planning; Millonas, Manager, Equipment Engineering/Maintenance; and Bartkowicz, Assistant General Attorney.

Beverly gets equipment for petroleum disposal

A major project to control the disposal of petroleum wastes was completed recently at Beverly garage. North Park was the site of the first such project four years ago. The new Kedzie garage has pollution control equipment built in, while similar features are included in the design for another new garage at 103rd and Stony Island Avenue.

The Design and Construction section, headed by Chris Kalogeras, director, began drawing up plans for the Beverly facilities after federal funding for the project was secured in 1981. The new system has been operational since last September.

F.H. Petzold, mechanical engineer, was manager of the Beverly project, which involved the installation of a 20,000-gallon oil/water separator and drainage line connections to the outdoor bus parking area south of the garage structure. Drainage lines were also extended inside the garage, connecting the hoist pit and other work areas to the new system.

The \$225,000 pollution control facilities at Beverly require very little maintenance or attention. Once a year, the settling basins and separator are to be inspected for sand or other solids which may have accumulated so they can be removed.

Meanwhile, oil is collected in a 2,000-gallon compartment in the separator. A remote level gauge in the garage shows when the compartment is full so a scavenger can be called to remove it.

CTA benefits from the process because the scavenger pays for the waste oil, which is then recycled for reuse.

The 20,000-gallon separator unit was manufactured by Hardee Steel Fabricators Inc., near Tampa, Florida, and was transported to Beverly by truck. It was one of the largest pieces of equipment legally permitted to be moved by road.



F.H. Petzold (left), CTA project manager, and David Cowart, quality control manager for Hardee Steel Fabricators Inc., inspect the 20,000-gallon oil/water separator unit for Beverly garage at the Hardee plant near Tampa, Florida.



Knowing when to contact social security is vital

Virtually all of us will have the need to contact the social security office at sometime in our lives. What is especially important however, is to know when that contact should be made.

According to the Social Security Administration, general guidelines one should follow regarding when to contact the local social security office are:

- Before getting that first job inasmuch as a social security number is needed to get the proper social security earnings credited. This should be done at least two weeks before a new job holder begins working.
- After a death in the family in order to collect survivor benefits.
- When a family member is disabled in order to collect disability benefits if payable.

- Upon retirement—at 65 for full rate cash benefits, or as early as 62 for reduced benefits. Individuals should sign up for Medicare two or three months before reaching age 65, even if there are no retirement plans.

- Anytime there is a question about social security.

Information is always available at the local social security office on how much work credit is needed to be insured for benefits, who receives benefits, how to replace a lost social security or medicare card, how to get a free statement of the earnings credited to your social security record, and what documents are needed when applying for benefits.

Additional information about social security is also available by contacting the Social Security Teleservice Center at 725-8838.

Honor 12 for heroic actions

Twelve Equipment Engineering & Maintenance employees assigned to Archer garage were presented with Special Recognition Awards for helping to extinguish a fire on a bus in the garage last August 5. They were commended for "their quick actions and joint effort in preventing further damage to the garage and other equipment, thereby saving the Authority great expense."

Receiving the awards were Robert Adamczyk, Carmen Alletto, Anthony Blazeovich, James Conway, Salvatore DeStefano, Edward Havlicek, James Moone, Patrick Murphy, Anthony Pajkos, Lorenzo Rodriguez, David Thompson Jr. and Robert Woods.

Two other Archer employees received awards for another act of heroism at the garage July 5. Robert Vandiver, a bus operator, and Brian Grabowski, relief foreman, were cited for responding quickly to a fire outside bay 2.

After noticing the fire, they immediately alerted the Control Center and asked for medical attention for an injured employee. They then moved buses out of danger and used fire extinguishers to control the blaze until firemen arrived.

New Uniforms



Selected bus operators representing all 10 garage locations are modeling a new uniform to test its durability and maintenance cost as they share in the decision making process of bus operators' changing fashions. Encouraged by officials of Amalgamated Transit Union 241 and Transportation management's cooperation to consider a different garb for CTA bus operators, male and female employees are expected to model the new uniform for approximately four months. The new attire is similar in color to apparel CTA bus operators have worn for more than 20 years, but is lighter in weight, and offers an option of a coat or like jacket.

First Aid Training



W.C. Roman, director of Stores (standing, left), presents certificates of recognition to volunteer Stores department personnel for completion of a Red Cross first aid and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training. The volunteers are (seated from left) Leon Harris, Charles Turner, Jim McMahon, Reginald Ramsey, and Walter Griffin. Others are (standing) Roman, Jack Lira, Cleophas Fultz, and John Gill, supervisor who coordinated the program with the American Red Cross. In addition, Gerald Paces received special recognition for completing the CPR modular instructor training. Classes were held at Red Cross headquarters, 43 East Ohio street.

Firemen, paramedics learn CTA rail safe



Lt. Paul Sobczak (left, with clipboard), Chicago Fire Academy instructor, and eight fire fighters or paramedics who completed the course offered by CTA. See Department personnel.



▲ A fire fighter applies a jack under train's truck to guide "hands on" procedure.

◀ Jack Thompson shows fire fighters how wooden objects can be removed from tracks so that objects can be removed from

y procedures



...er through November each year for Chicago Fire



...ise wheels off the tracks. Instructor Thompson (right)

...es are placed under train's wheels to elevate wheels
...r wheels.



Rail instructor Gerald West demonstrates to Chicago Fire Department personnel the correct, and safe, way to step over third (power) rails in Kimball train yard. Fire and paramedic personnel are undergoing safety procedures by Transportation Department's Rail Training Section.

A training program to familiarize 5,000 Chicago fire fighters and paramedics with the rapid transit system's safety and emergency procedures is sparking great interest in the Chicago Fire Department's ranks.

Lieutenant Paul Sobczak, an instructor at the Chicago Fire Department Academy, said learning to walk safely on CTA tracks and structures, working near high voltage equipment, and learning the dos and don'ts of safety procedures is helping ease concern in the Fire Department ranks.

"This valuable program, started by the CFD and the CTA in 1982, is helping our fire fighters and our paramedics to more quickly apply their skills where they are most needed on the rapid transit system with confidence," Sobczak said.

This "hands-on" training program, held three times a day, three days a week, is conducted in CTA rail terminal yards by members of the Transportation Department's Training and Instruction Section and the Utility Section of the Facilities Engineering and Maintenance Department.

Groups of about 15 fire fighters and paramedics are given detailed instruction on a number of procedures; then all members of the group are asked to go through the procedures so they may experience them first hand and gain confidence.

Elonzo Hill, director of Training and Instruction, Transportation Department, has assigned 29 members of his staff to take part in the program on a

rotating basis. C. Len Wiksten, director of Facilities Maintenance, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance Department, has members of his Utility Section teaching the program along with the training instructors.

Arthur Hubbard, superintendent, Rail Instruction, stressed that fire fighters and paramedics must have confidence in working on the "L" system not only in daylight, but at night and under foul weather conditions.

"Besides providing their various skills, the fire fighters and paramedics must keep in mind that time also is a critical factor on most of our 'L' routes, especially in rush periods, these training sessions are designed to help them quickly get to where they are needed, perform their duties, and depart as quickly as they came," Hubbard said.

"The purpose of this program," added Eugene Hill, area superintendent, Utility Section, "is to familiarize Fire Department personnel with the operation of the rail system, safety procedures, and equipment, and to promote understanding of what they can expect when they are working on the right-of-way."

The training of Fire Department personnel runs the gamut of instruction from the proper method of carrying equipment while on the tracks to jacking procedures for raising a rail car from the tracks to remove anything under the wheels.

Trainees see demonstrations which provide such pertinent information as

How standard hand, flag and lan-



Fire fighters practice climbing up side of train using recessed foot ladder and hand rail.

tern signals are used to alert oncoming train motormen.

- The safe way to walk on or near the rail right-of-way.

- Standard procedure to use when trains approach and what to do when they pass.

- The difference in the appearance and function between third (power) rails and running rails.

- The non-touch removal of a person in contact with the third rail.

- Boarding and exiting disabled trains.

- The use of water-type and dry chemical fire extinguishers.

- How to isolate a rail car from the power rail.

- How to use platform spreaders



Instructor West tells fire personnel how to use door emergency cord and how to disconnect door fuses behind overhead panel.



Jack Thompson, Utility Section supervisor-chauffeur, instructs fire personnel how to remove snow plows from 'L' car and how to move drawbar from side to side.



Rail Instructor Sam Chilia demonstrates use of passenger evacuation planks carried on trains. Planks allow riders to go from a disabled train to one pulled up parallel to it.

that push a rail car away from the platform when needed.

Firemen and paramedics were also warned that long wet raincoats or other garments touching the power rail will expose the wearer to electrical shock, and learned that metal fasteners on garments can be attracted by a "live" power rail acting as a magnet.

Chicago Fire Commissioner Louis T. Galante expressed his appreciation for the CTA's willingness to assist in providing this specialized training for members of the Fire Department.

"I am most impressed with the excellent cooperation extended by the CTA in the past and I hope that these mutual efforts will continue into the future," Commissioner Galante said.

"I've monitored many of the classes and I've yet to see a fire fighter or paramedic who was not attentive. Some of the questions asked of our instructors early in the program helped us re-

fine the presentation from their point of view," said James Zepp, assistant superintendent, Rail Instruction.

"We have had 840 Fire Department personnel successfully complete the training for this training period," said Elonzo Hill.

"This group includes six deputy district chiefs, 19 captains, 55 lieutenants, 66 engineers, 70 battalion chiefs, 287 fire fighters, and 337 emergency medical service personnel (paramedics).

"This important training program is scheduled to continue until about 5,000 Fire Department personnel have completed it.

"This is one important way the CTA can help those who help the CTA," Hill added.

In addition to Chicago fire fighters, CTA has given the same instructions to fire fighters of Cicero, DesPlaines, Oak Park, Park Ridge, Rosemont, and Skokie.

Beverly garage, Kimball terminal earn safety awards

Public Safety awards for the fourth quarter of 1983 were presented to Beverly Garage and Kimball Terminal. It was the 20th PSA award for the south side garage, and the first since the fourth quarter of 1982.

Beverly took the award with a traffic rate of 3.07 accidents per 100,000 miles, a 43 per cent better rate than the bus system rate of 5.41. Beverly experienced a passenger rate of 0.50—one accident for every 200,000 miles of operation.

Safety officials said this rate was 61 per cent better than the bus system rate of 1.28. Beverly had 55 accident-free days during the fourth quarter of 1983.

At Kimball Terminal meanwhile, it was the fifth Public Safety award for that facility, and the terminal's first since the third quarter of 1982. Kimball had a perfect quarter experiencing no traffic or passenger accidents, and therefore 92 accident-free days.

Attend Cleveland COMTO conference

Approximately 50 members of the Conference on Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) representing CTA/RTA Chicago attended the February 17-18 Greater Cleveland Chapter, Regional 4 conference.

The Cleveland, Ohio chapter was COMTO host to members from 25 transit properties and related businesses, and provided seminars on labor relations, minority enterprises, and using computers. The workshops thrust emphasized the importance of these functions as they relate to the transit industry.

The conference theme, "The Economic, Cultural and Political Impact of Transit on the Minority Community," was the primary source of development of the workshops and other meetings. Conferees also heard reports from U.S. EEO Commissioner Chester Gray on the changing employment patterns in the public sector. Other officials spoke on increasing MBE participation in the minority community.



Bernard Henderson, superintendent, Beverly garage, holds the Interstation Safety plaque which the southside garage received for the fourth quarter of 1983. Sharing the honors are (from left) Alex Johnson, director, Transportation Personnel; Robert Julun, assistant superintendent, Beverly; Michael McCarthy, principal public safety analyst who presented the plaque, and Tom Reilly, area superintendent, Far South.



Tom Boyle (left) manager, Safety, presents the Interstation Safety contest plaque to Nick Blaino, superintendent at Kimball terminal.

Commendation Corner

Ruth Calhoun (North Avenue garage) was appreciated by Muriel Gunderson, of Augusta Boulevard, for her courteous operation of a No. 66 Chicago bus. "She changed my mind about buses. She was courteous, smiling and kind. She pulled the bus slowly up to the curbs so as not to splash riders, and so they wouldn't have to step into water before boarding the bus. When people were running for the bus, she would wait, sometimes stopping a little short of the stop to allow them to board. Also, she called out the stops and said, 'Have a nice evening' to departing riders. Thank you for hiring such a sweet lady."



David Rossie (Archer garage) was praised by Paula Marszalek, of South Hamlin Avenue, for his performance as operator of a No. 61 Archer/Franklin Express bus. "He is extremely polite, considerate and kind. Every passenger that boards his bus receives a cheery 'Good morning!' and everyone that alights is cautioned to 'Watch your step.' He has never hesitated to take the time to give directions. If an elderly or handicapped person boards, he ensures that the person is seated before starting up. When faced with a rude passenger, he manages to remain polite. Obviously, he enjoys his work and takes pride in it."



Wafer Carter (69th Street garage) was admired by Mrs. Gene Subos, of South Union Avenue, for his handling of a No. 44 Wallace/Racine bus. "He was so pleasant and informative. He called every stop loud and clear, and also gave information about connecting buses. If a bus connected with a point of interest, he gave that information, too. There were no jerky stops. Everything was smooth and really pleasant. I have been riding buses for a great many years, and I can't remember when I enjoyed a ride as much. This man is doing an excellent job for the CTA."

John Lemond (North Park garage) was applauded by Ruth Mix, of North Paulina Street, for "doing his job well" on a No. 22 Clark bus. "He held his ground all the way (from the Loop) to Irving Park Road by prohibiting 10 or 15 passengers from depositing dollar bills in the fare box. When he saw a passenger with a bill in hand, he placed his hand over the fare box and asked if they didn't have change. Two or three actually did. The others he told to try to get assistance from other passengers with change, which they did. If more drivers would follow suit, maybe the public guilty of breaking your rules might wake up."

Charlotte Brent (North Section) won the approval of Yvette Price, of Oglesby Avenue, for "the gracious manner in which she performs her duties as a ticket agent (at Grand/State). She takes the time to say, 'Hello,' 'Thank You,' 'Have a good day,' etc. Many torn-faced patrons cross this woman's path, including myself, only to leave the ticket window with a new-born smile. As a staff member in a personnel operation, I am aware of the importance of an organization's 'first impression,' projected by employees in a public contact capacity. I commend your employee for her exemplary performance."

Eugene Reid (Limits garage) was commended by Martha Kaplan, of Wrightwood Avenue, for his alertness on a No. 151 Sheridan bus. "He had just stopped to pick up some passengers when suddenly he called out to us to watch our purses, having recognized three young men getting ready to board the bus as pickpockets. He also alerted the young lady ahead of the men that they were after her purse. Then, in no uncertain terms, he told the three that he did not want them on his bus, and they didn't get on. Here was a man who was concerned for his passengers. We were all grateful."

Robert Richardson (North Park garage) was the operator of a No. 147 Outer Drive Express bus that John Scanlon, of Lakewood Avenue, rode several times. "He drives with finesse, smoothly and carefully, which apparently is difficult to do with the new articulated buses. He doesn't badger riders. He seems to be kind. Because he is quietly efficient, in addition to being an excellent driver, he probably won't be noticed. At a time when the ordinary citizen must put up with so much misuse of power, a smooth, pleasant ride with this driver is a treat. He's doing the job he's paid to do and doing it exceptionally well."

Walter Mack Jr. (North Avenue garage) pleased Mabel Hoffman, of Honolulu, with his courtesy as operator of a No. 76 Diversey bus. "The driver had already closed the door of the bus, but generously reopened it to let me on. Then a young blind man boarded the bus. After a time he asked the driver to let him off at Paulina. The driver told him we had already passed it. Then he let him off at the next stop, hailed a bus coming from the other direction, and helped him reach it. In Hawaii, they believe they have the corner on the spirit of aloha (love). However, now I know it flourishes in Chicago, too."

Honorees cited for response to crises

Two bus operators, a rail service supervisor, and a Beverly garage clerk who took direct action to minimize injury to CTA riders, avoid property damage, or service delays in four separate incidents have received special recognition on "A Day in CTA."

The honorees are Marshall E. Boyd, bus operator, 77th Street garage; Dorothy Graham, bus operator, Beverly garage; Melvin Gardner, clerk at Beverly, and Robert L. Densmore, supervisor, North Rail District.

Boyd earned kudos for stopping his southbound Michigan/Harrison bus when he observed his leader's slowly moving bus with no one at the steering wheel. The problem developed as the operator of the errant vehicle and a passenger were fighting.

Operator Boyd caught up with the bus, boarded and brought it to a safe stop. Marshall notified the control center and requested medical aid for a woman who had injured her ankle when she jumped from the moving bus and fell to the pavement.

Operator Graham, and Gardner, both of Beverly garage, combined their efforts to summon help for a motorist observed handcuffed to the steering wheel of her car and emergency flashers engaged.



"Day in CTA" honorees (from left) Marshall Boyd, Robert L. Densmore, Mrs. Dorothy Graham, and Melvin Gardner show off their certificates of special recognition. The four were treated to a tour of facilities at the Merchandise Mart, and met with CTA management.

Ms. Graham approached the vehicle, parked about a half a block west of the Beverly garage, and heard the woman's cry for help. She notified Gardner, the clerk on duty at the time, who called police. The motorist who had been the victim of an armed robbery, was rescued within five minutes after police were notified.

Rail supervisor Robert L. Densmore was honored for his unhesitating response during a service delay which was caused when the trolley pans of

two Skokie Swift trains slipped from a broken span wire. Densmore, having already evacuated the train of its passengers, called for the power to be cut. Once the power was off, he climbed atop each car, pulled down the trolley pans and secured the rope.

When the power was restored, he controlled the trolley pans by holding the rope from atop the cars through the area of the damaged span wire thus minimizing the service delay as well as averting injury to CTA riders.

Thanks for a job well done

Employees who have received commendations,

Salim Abdul-Khaalig, Beverly
Samuel Basile, 77th Street
Rudolph Blakemore, North Avenue

Jean Cage, North Park
Jose Cancel, North Park
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Carlotta Carter, 77th Street
John Christner, Forest Glen
Ethel Claiborne, 77th Street
Charles Clayton, 77th Street
Al Clayton, Archer
Patricia Cobb, North Park
James Colles, Jefferson Park
Georgia Cook, Archer
Albert Croarkin, 77th Street

Jesus Davila, Forest Glen
Cora Davis, Forest Park
Byron Dean, Beverly
Angel DeLaPaz, Forest Glen
Frederick Douglas, North Park
John Durnell, Archer

James Edwards, North Avenue
Constantino Estrada, Archer

Daniel Galarza, North Park
Albert Garner, North Park
Nathaniel George, 77th Street
Corine Glaspie, West Section
Anastacio Gonzalez Jr., Lawndale

Allen Gordon, North Avenue
Odell Granger, Forest Glen

Willie Haynes, Forest Glen
Ellie Head, 69th Street
Henry Hinkle, North Park

Zeke Jagst, North Park
Willie James, North Park
Ricca James, North Section

Joe Kent, 77th Street
John Kiszkan, Forest Park

Robert Lay, Limits
James Lewis, North Park
Walter Lewis Jr., North Park

Nazario Magana, North Park
Christine McCord, North Section
Sammy Miller, Forest Glen
Florine Miller, West Section
Edgar Mollinedo, North Park
Fructuoso Moreno, Limits
Raymond Mount, North Park
Charles Murrell, Limits

Moses Oliver, North Avenue
Willie Otis, District B

Drago Pancic, North Park
Fanny Patton, Archer
Frederick Pepke, Limits
Larry Polk, 69th Street
Alvin Polowczyk, Forest Glen
Albert Powell, Ashland Terminal
Patricia Rhoden, Ashland Terminal
Alice Richman, North Park
Johnny Riouse, 77th Street
Toval Rolston, Forest Park

Joseph Smith, Limits
Alfred Smith, Douglas/Congress
Ronald Stefinsky, North Park
Zulema Stoyas, Forest Glen

James Strickland, 69th Street

Earl Terry, Forest Glen
Sterling Tharp Jr., Limits
Debra Thurbush, Jefferson Park
Sidney Turner, Agent Dist. Office

Allen Wade, 77th Street
Lonnie Walker, North Park
Thomas Walker, Limits
William Walls, Archer
Dorothy Walton, Limits
Cleven Wardlow, Limits
Arthur Watkins, 69th Street
Maurice Watson, North Section
Anthony Williams, Archer
Otha Williams, Lawndale
Willie Williams Jr., North Park
Iona Williams, North Park
Thester Winston, 69th Street
Martha Woods, North Park
John Wuest, Forest Glen

Nikolaos Xifaras, North Park

Anthony Zenner, North Park
Joseph Zukerman, North Park
John Zupko, Howard/Kimball

J. P. O'Connor retires after 37 years service



John O'Connor (center), director of passenger controls and graphics, Operations Planning, is honored at a retirement party held at Marina Towers. More than 100 CTA employees, retirees, and friends attended. Sharing the table of honor with O'Connor are (from left) George Krambles, CTA executive director, retired; O'Connor's sister, Ms. Alice O'Connor, his wife, Mrs. Lorraine O'Connor, and Harold Hirsch, manager, Operations Planning.

John P. O'Connor, Director of Passenger Controls and Graphics in CTA Operations Planning retired Dec. 31 after 37 years of service.

O'Connor began working in the Staff Engineers Office of the former Chicago Surface Lines in 1946, just prior to the take-over by the Chicago Transit Authority.

His entire career has been spent in

research and planning with major studies including the conversion of the streetcar system to buses, improving the speed and operation of the rapid transit system, and general service planning of new bus and rapid transit routes and services.

Additional duties included supervising the preparation of passenger controls and fare collection plans, and all

passenger information graphics.

He was past chairman of the Fare Collection Task Force of the American Public Transit Association and a member of the Intermodal Facilities Planning Committee of the Transportation Research Board.

O'Connor is a resident of Westchester, IL.

Sam Girard retires



More than 200 friends and co-workers of Sam Girard, chief clerk, Forest Glen garage, feted him at a retirement party December 28 in the garage. Girard ended his 37-year career in public transit on January 1. His fellow workers and friends gave Girard a cash gift and a special plaque honoring his career. On January 13 he was guest of honor at a dinner for 160 persons in a nearby banquet hall. Girard and his family plan to remain in their home in Schaumburg.

Adamowski retires



Dan Perk (left), manager of Treasury, congratulates Edward Adamowski upon his retirement after 36 years of service with CTA and its predecessors. Prior to joining the Treasury Department where he was a bank ledger/bookkeeper, Ed worked in the Stores department. He began his CTA career as a bus cleaner at Limits garage. Adamowski and his wife, Mary Ann, who recently became grandparents, plan to spend their retirement in their Chicago home near their sons, Bob of CTA Central Counting, and Brian, a car repairman at Rosemont.

Promotion



Ollie Winston was promoted to assistant superintendent of controllers in the Control Center on January 2. He was formerly a power/rail supervisor in the Control Center. Winston, 38, joined CTA in 1967 and has been qualified in 12 rail operations jobs on the rapid transit system. Before joining CTA, Winston served in the U.S. Navy in electronics and radio communications.



Harry Horn, assistant control center superintendent, and his wife, Doreen, became grandparents for the first time on November 21 when their daughter, Mrs. Amy Albarran, gave birth to Jason Michael Albarran in Ravenswood Hospital. The baby's father, Cypriano Albarran, operates a security guard service.

Service anniversaries in February

40 Years

Herman Goldman, Forest Glen
William Ruddle, North Avenue
Richard Schneider, Bus Maint.
William Taylor, Comm./Power Cont.

35 Years

Robert Crawford, Forest Park
Americo DiGianfilippo, Wilson
Willie Green, Bus Relief Area
Burton Hill, General Maint.
Andrew Karkoska, Beverly
Robert Lorentz, North Park
Robert Loughran, Comm./Power Cont.
Langley Lykins, Rail Service
George Millonas, Equip. Engr./Maint.
Duane Reed Jr., Subst. Maint.

30 Years

George Booker, Comm./Power Cont.
Booker Byers, 77th Street
Samuel Clark Jr., 69th Street
James Dentley, 77th Street
Vincent Ecter, 77th Street
Magnus Edgar Jr., North Park
William Harris, District C
Richard Lane, Bus Instruction
Timothy Mulvey, Beverly
Irene Peterson, Res. & Spec. Proj.
Henry Sams, Limits
Donald Schaeffer, Forest Glen
Raphael Wilson, 77th Street

25 Years

Frank Bailey, 77th Street
Richard Brown, 77th Street
Joseph Browne, General Maint.
John Gorman, Rail Dist. North
Joseph Hartl, Comm. Design
Thomas Mortell, Doug/Congress
Donald Prendergast, Truck Shop
Wade Simmons, North Avenue

New Pensioners

SOL BATTLE, Bus Service,
Beverly, Emp. 5-17-48
JOHN BROADNAX, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 1-21-54
PRESTAL CARNES, Bus Instructor,
77th Street, Emp. 1-28-54
ERNEST CARTER, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 1-6-55
RUFUS CLEVELAND, Conductor,
Congress, Emp. 3-5-51
K.C. DAVISON, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 5-21-51
WILLIAM FRANKLIN Sr., Bus Servicer,
Beverly, Emp. 4-2-71
WILLIE GUTHRIE, Instructor,
69th Street, Emp. 8-31-53
TOMIE JACKSON, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 1-21-54
CLARENCE JUNKINS, Instructor,
77th Street, Emp. 6-14-51
HENRY KANIA, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 9-17-52
JOHN McGRAIL, Carpenter,
South Shops, Emp. 1-27-45
BARTHOLOMEW McGRATH, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 11-24-50
MELVIN MITCHELL, Bus Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 1-18-54
CASIMIR NOGA, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 10-8-47
DENNIS O'LEARY, Laborer
South Shops, Emp. 1-9-51
RUBEN RAZOR, Traffic Checker,
Schedules, Emp. 12-31-64
ROBERT REES, Supervisor,
Central District, Emp. 12-31-53
CHARLES ROWELL, Bus Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 1-23-51
JOSEPH SIEGAL, Superintendent,
Power & Wiring, Emp. 6-26-46
ANN SLOAN, Stores Acctg. Cont. Clk.,
Financial Services, Emp. 10-26-53
*JAMES STRONG, Rail Janitor,
Madison/Wabash, Emp. 7-18-55
JOHN TYK, File Clerk,
Personnel Adm./Job Class., Emp. 1-21-48
GENEVIEVE WRIGHT, Bill Clerk, IV,
Financial Services, Emp. 3-9-50

*Retroactive to 1-1-84

Disability Retirements

LOIS DODDS, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 12-9-74
WILLIAM McNALLY, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 4-1-57
RALPH SULLIVAN, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 5-6-67

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES BACKSTROM, 90, West Section,
Emp. 9-21-43, Died 12-18-83
HENRY BOSSE, 88, 69th Street,
Emp. 6-21-29, Died 12-83
JETHRO BRIGHT, 62, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-4-45, Died 12-11-83
MICHAEL BURKE, 81, 69th Street
Emp. 2-27-28, Died 12-16-83
FRANK CASTIGLIONE, 84, South Shops,
Emp. 11-23-37, Died 12-13-83
JERRY CHADWICK, 79, Engineering,
Emp. 1-13-48, Died 12-7-83
NEIL COTTER, 75, South Shops,
Emp. 8-30-29, Died 12-13-83
JULIA CURRY, 87, West Section,
Emp. 11-24-40, Died 12-8-83
HENRY DeMANUELE, 57, Beverly,
Emp. 1-19-61, Died 12-24-83
DAVID DULFER, 71, 69th Street,
Emp. 4-27-37, Died 12-2-83
HERBERT EICHTEN, 80, West Section,
Emp. 11-13-29, Died 12-5-83
THOMAS FAHY, 84, 77th Street
Emp. 9-25-23, Died 12-22-83
ARTHUR FRANK, 75, Utility,
Emp. 6-7-38, Died 12-11-83
RAYMOND GUNTHER, 75, Schedule/Traff.,
Emp. 8-30-43, Died 12-19-83
HENRY HARPER, 81, West Section,
Emp. 1-13-45, Died 12-17-83
MAX HAWKINS, 92, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-21-16, Died 12-7-83
CLEVELAND HOSCH, 70, 52nd Street,
Emp. 1-16-51, Died 12-8-83
ALLEN JACKSON JR., 56, Limits,
Emp. 11-28-52, Died 12-8-83
ARTHUR KAESTNER, 73, Kedzie,
Emp. 9-12-42, Died 12-12-83
JOHN KEPHART, 63, North Park,
Emp. 12-22-75, Died 12-23-83
EDWARD KRUMLAND, 89, North Section,
Emp. 2-28-17, Died 12-31-83
WILLIAM KUGELBERG, 75, Keeler,
Emp. 9-2-42, Died 12-29-83
GEORGE KUNDRAT, 68, Archer,
Emp. 11-11-70, Died 12-21-83
JOHN MILAS, 66, Vehicle Maint.,
Emp. 7-12-39, Died 12-20-83
BERNARD MULVANEY, 78, Howard,
Emp. 2-14-27, Died 12-28-83
CHARLES NOREK, 76, West Section,
Emp. 1-25-51, Died 12-27-83
ROBERT O'BRIEN, 69, Real Estate,
Emp. 3-10-75, Died 12-18-83
WILLIAM O'BRIEN, 67, Beverly,
Emp. 7-19-48, Died 12-12-83
PETER REMY, 78, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-21-26, Died 12-17-83
JOHN REZNICEK, 85, South Shops,
Emp. 4-10-45, Died 12-6-83
ROBERT TIDSTAND, 88, Way & Structs.,
Emp. 1925, Died 12-24-83
WILLIAM WEBSTER, 88, West Section,
Emp. 5-12-20, Died 12-17-83

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Happy Bus'

Wardlow, 'Happy Bus' driver, retires after 31 years

"Good morning and welcome to the Happy Bus," has been Clevon Wardlow's greeting to riders for 31 years. The "Happy Bus" driver, who has rolled out the red carpet for CTA patrons on the Clark, Broadway, and Streeterville routes, retires March 1.

Elonzo Hill, director, Training/Instruction, credits Wardlow with getting more free publicity for CTA than any other employee in the Authority's history. "There will never be another like him," said Hill as he recalled the many commendations earned by Wardlow from the riding public. Besides his public image, he is well respected by his co-workers, and he has earned the affectionate title of the "Happy Bus" driver from co-workers and patrons alike.

Wardlow is a humble, yet tough and God-fearing man who uses every opportunity to praise God and spread cheer daily to his riders and everyone else that he meets unlike any other. Now he looks forward to doffing the CTA blue-grey uniform of a bus operator and donning the more somber garb of cleric. He will assume the role of assistant to his pastor, Bishop Isiah Leon Roberts of Roberts Temple Church of God in Christ.

Already an ordained elder, Wardlow will be very active in the "All Night Tarry Service" after his retirement from CTA. "I will be working all over the city, but mostly I will be working with folks in the all-night prayer service at the church," said Wardlow.

"I have had some wonderful times working for CTA. I came here as a sin-

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Clevon Wardlow demonstrates the proper grip of the wheel which he had for the "Happy Bus" during an informal gathering at Limits Garage which co-workers sponsored in honor of Wardlow's retirement.

Wardlow, 'Happy Bus' driver...



Cleven Wardlow displays the "Happy Miracle Bus" sign, his trademark for years which advertised the unique service he offered CTA riders on the routes he traveled.

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ner, but I leave as a saint (one committed to the work of God), and I'm grateful for that. The Lord wanted me to leave this job in 1983, but I asked Him to let me stay until this year because there were some things I wanted to do, including a chance to participate in the Bus Rodeo," he said.

Wardlow tied for fourth place in the 1983 Bus Rodeo and received a trophy and a \$100 savings bond. "The Lord consented for me to stay through last year, but now I must leave," said the smiling, ever-pleasant Wardlow.

The 60-year-old Wardlow is a father of six sons, and two daughters, and the grandfather of 19. Like himself, two of his sons, Darold and Wayne, are bus operators; Riccardo is a conductor, Ronald a ticket agent, and Cleven Jr. is a switchman. Cleven Jr. is also an assistant pastor at Roberts Temple where all of the Wardlow family worship.

Wardlow Sr. says he will miss his CTA flock who over the years have heard him witness the glory of God. Wardlow begins each day at 3 a.m. with prayer, then drives from his near west side home to Limits Garage. His personal equipment for the day's journey includes an old tattered Bible, a song book, and sheet music which he spreads across the dashboard of his bus. In the windshield is a plastic sign

which reads, "The Happy Miracle Bus."

Recalling the greatest Christmas gift of his life, Wardlow remembers a day during the Christmas season many years ago when a young man boarded his No. 156-LaSalle bus and told him that it had been his intention to commit suicide, but when he heard Wardlow talking about the goodness of God, and what God had done for him, he changed his mind. "That was the greatest gift that anyone could have given me," said Wardlow, beaming as he reminisced.

In his 31 years and seven months of



A grateful rider thanks Wardlow for his "red carpet" hospitality service over the many months she was among his riders on the 157-Streeterville route.

service, Wardlow has driven more than two million miles without a chargeable accident. He has participated in the Bus Rodeo since its inception two years ago, and has been a leader in the Employee Safety Performance Program (ESPP).

A man with a good word for everybody, he has been commended continuously by the riding public, and honored in the media. "John Justin Smith, and Jerry Harper of CBS were among the first reporters to ride and report on the 'Happy Bus,'" said Wardlow. Recently he appeared on the Phil Donahue Show where he and other public service employees including CTA conductor John Cameron were given special recognition for their unique public service philosophy, gentle nature, yet mental toughness. Wardlow started his CTA career at Kedzie Garage with the per-



Edward Schwamb, superintendent, Limits Garage, bids farewell to "An outstanding employee who will be missed."

sonal motto, "I'm rolling out the Red Carpet because this is a hospitality service."

"Cleven Wardlow is a lovely person. We will miss him for sure," said Harry Reddrick, manager of Transportation.

Edward Schwamb, superintendent at Limits Garage where Wardlow is assigned, said, "Guys like this I'd like all day. He's a real conscientious guy; one who has the knack and tendency to motivate other employees to do a good job. He is an outstanding employee. As an ESPP team captain, he always had a few nice things to say. We're going to miss him."

Said Wardlow, "It has been a blessing."

Interagency Interaction

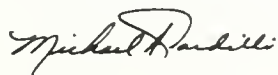
The enormous task of providing convenient, safe, and efficient public transportation for our riders requires continuous cooperation between CTA and many governmental, business, and neighborhood organizations throughout the City of Chicago and nearby suburbs. The Mayor's Traffic Management Task Force (featured on page 8), wherein several agencies exchange information and adjust their activities to help commuters cope with day to day traffic problems, is just one fine example of this creative interaction.

As the center of transportation in the Chicago area, CTA is working with the Regional Transportation Authority to provide comprehensive regional transit service that reduces duplication of service and offers riders the convenience and economy of universal transfers and monthly passes. The new monthly Link-Up Pass, which enables railroad commuters to purchase passes specifically for bus rides to and from commuter railroad stations, is the latest CTA-RTA cooperative improvement.

Our service planning and scheduling activities also benefit from interagency interaction, because information received from civic, business, and neighborhood organizations helps us determine how we can most effectively and efficiently serve our riders. Major service and facility expansions, like the O'Hare Extension, are developed through cooperative efforts that also include the City of Chicago, Department of Public Works, and various planning and funding organizations on federal, state, and local levels.

Cooperation with the Chicago Police and Fire departments, as well as those of suburbs served by CTA, results in a safe transit environment and increased rider confidence. To enable these heroic public servants to perform their jobs most efficiently, CTA cooperates with them in their daily activities and offers training programs that enable them to practice emergency procedures on our system and understand transit operating limitations.

All CTA employees must realize that interagency cooperation improves the quality of our transit service. By working with other agencies, we can continue the tradition of excellent transit service in the Chicago area.



Striving for excellence testimonial is planned

The Transportation department will honor more than 1,000 CTA employees at a testimonial dinner and evening of entertainment this spring in recognition of sustained superior performance during the 1983 calendar year.

Harry Reddick, deputy executive director, Operations, said a "Striving for Excellence" testimonial is planned for May 12 at McCormick Place. Employees recognized during the past year in the Employee Safety Performance Program, Million Mile club honorees, and employees honored for their courtesy to riders will be the recipients of special recognition unlike anything they have already received.

Other special guests of honor will include employees with records of excellence, members of the 1983 Bus Rodeo Winning Circle 20 and Third Rail Roundup Roundhouse 18, A Day in CTA honorees, and Superior Public Service Award winners and finalists.

In the past 18 months the Transportation department has implemented and conducted a variety of activities designed to motivate employees and provide incentives for improved performance.

Reddick said activities such as the Bus Rodeo, Third Rail Roundup, and the Employee Safety Performance Program have positively impacted performance in the Transportation department and resulted in improved service to the riding public as well as reduced costs.

According to Transportation department figures, since these programs were implemented, CTA has realized reductions in injury-on-duty claims, absences due to illness, requested time off, percentage of employees assigned to the extra board, and passenger complaints. The department's calculations indicate that CTA experienced 500 fewer passenger and traffic accidents in 1983 than in 1982, CTA's previous safest year.

Reddick noted that morale among Transportation department employees appears to be at its highest level in recent memory and continues to build through skills-related competition, meaningful challenge, and recognition from management.

"Our operating employees are showing a renewed sense of professionalism, in performing their duties," said Reddick. "Pride in themselves, their jobs, and their employer have increased. They have also related the department's goals to job satisfaction and personal objectives," he added.

Calling it vital that the Transportation department reinforce the momentum its incentive programs have generated, Reddick said the "Striving for Excellence" testimonial is being planned as an annual event.

An annual testimonial honoring Transportation personnel for sustained superior performance would spotlight individual achievements of Transportation's various incentive activities Authority-wide, instead of limiting recognition to a comparison of others in the same job classification. It would also focus the attention of CTA riders and the general public on the accomplishments of CTA employees.

Meanwhile, Training/Instruction personnel are developing a competition for ticket agents modeled after the Bus Rodeo and Third Rail Roundup concepts. Plans call for the new competition to be implemented this summer, according to Elonzo Hill, director, Training/Instruction.

Commendation Corner

Carmelo Morales (Forest Glen garage) was praised by Maria Gonzalez, of Moffat Street, for his handling of an emergency on a No 78 Montrose bus. "At Oak Park Avenue, we realized the rear tire of the bus was on fire. The driver managed without panic or hesitation to unload the passengers safely.

He even carried my two children off to safety. Then he drove the bus about a block away, stopping traffic to help everyone avoid the hazard. He then started bravely to extinguish the fire before it got out of hand. I feel he should be commended for the fine job he did."



Earlean Raynor (Archer garage) was admired by Mary Nauss, of West 71st Street, for "her caring concern" as operator of a No 94 South California bus. "She urges people to use care in entering her bus. When they depart, she tells them to exit cautiously. She admonishes young mothers to seat their children, not to let them stand on the seats. She waits patiently for the sick and infirm to board at Holy Cross Hospital. She also waits momentarily at intersections for approaching buses to see if they have transferring riders for her bus. She is a real 'diamond.'"

Josefa Garcia (Limits garage) was thanked by Judy Pelet, of Lincoln Park West, for warning her about a purse snatcher while operating a No. 151 Sheridan bus. "I was getting on the bus when an individual who had just gotten off tried to get into my purse and steal my wallet. She was so alert, brave and concerned. She started to warn me and really startled him off. I was so pleased not to have my purse stolen. There is a good feeling knowing that people are concerned. Your employee is a very concerned citizen, and you can be proud of her."

Charles Young (West Section) was the conductor on a Congress-Douglas-Milwaukee train ridden by J.L. Fabian, of Des Plaines. "This man conducts himself in a manner that makes one think back to when people took pride in their jobs. He is pleasant, courteous, knowledgeable, and makes sure he can be understood. He calls all stops, transfer points, connecting streets with their numbers, and even the correct time and date. To top this off, he even thanks the folks for riding the CTA. This fellow is a joy to riders, and a real godsend to anyone not familiar with the city."

Oscar Smith Jr. (North Avenue garage) was commended by Jackie Galis, of Berwyn, who was a rider on his No. 126 Jackson bus. "The bus was very crowded. A gentleman boarded and said a cheery 'Good morning' to the driver, and he responded equally cheerfully, even though there were people practically in his lap. At a corner a lady asked him the way to a certain place. He told her she couldn't get there from where she was, but to get on the bus so she could get to a place where she could catch the proper bus. I was very impressed. This man was courteous beyond the call of duty."

Robert Huff (69th Street garage) was applauded by Elenore Knaus, of Rice Street, for his courtesy to riders on a No. 49 Western bus. "As I got close to the stop, I saw the bus coming. I started to go real fast to try to catch it. The driver noticed me and slowed down so I could board. It was a miserable Sunday afternoon. When we hit Belmont Avenue, he waited for people getting off the Belmont bus to cross the street to board his bus. All along, it was the same thing. It was nice to see a driver think about his passengers. He is doing a good job. I hope he keeps it up."

Tom Collins (Archer garage) was the operator of a No. 129 Northwestern/Franklin bus ridden by Linda Rudolph, a jury administrator at the Federal Center. "He has consistently been the most courteous and helpful driver I have ever had the pleasure of riding with. He always has a friendly greeting, and he is extremely helpful in providing information. Mr. Collins will always take one or two extra seconds to advise inquiring riders of the proper bus to take, and always leaves them with a good feeling toward the CTA. He exemplifies the highest standard of professionalism."

Edwin LaBoy (North Avenue garage) was appreciated by Lorraine Dolutowski, of North Washtenaw Avenue, for his alertness as operator of a No. 77 Belmont bus. "I felt this tug on my purse. I looked and saw it was open, and my wallet was gone. I realized that the man standing close to me had moved to the center of the bus. I knew he had snatched my wallet. I grabbed him and told him I wanted it back. Fortunately, the driver came to my rescue and retrieved my wallet from the thief. He then called the police and held the man till they came. Please thank the driver again for me, as I had to leave with the police to sign a complaint."

Day in CTA honors agent, clerk, terminal yard teamwork

An armed robbery was averted by a cool and calm ticket agent who told the would-be robber she had no money when he demanded that she hand it all over.

Inez Lugo, assigned to the Kimball station, said the man, claiming to have a gun, approached her and announced a hold up. When she insisted that she had no money, the man told her to call police which she did. Officers took him into custody and charged the man with attempted armed robbery.

Ms. Lugo, meanwhile, received CTA's special recognition on "A Day in CTA" for the manner in which she handled the situation. Three other Day in CTA honorees were also recognized for their teamwork during an afternoon derailment which occurred in the Howard terminal yard.

They are Leroy Albert, supervisor, North Rail District; Edward Cook, yard foreman, Howard terminal; and Richard Dobbey, towerman, Howard terminal yard.

Terminal officials said as a result of



Leroy Albert, Inez Lugo, Richard Dobbey, and Edward Cook (from left), "A Day in CTA" honorees, proudly display the certificates of appreciation which they were presented during their visit with CTA management at the Merchandise Mart.

the derailment, both lead tracks were blocked, entrance to the Loop track was also blocked, and cars intended for North-South service were trapped.

The situation was first observed by Cook, the yard foreman, who notified the control center and the north rail district. Through communication and a concerted effort between the supervisor, yard foreman and towerman,

only a seven minute delay was experienced on the Main line, and no delay occurred on the Evanston and Skokie service.

Robert Desvignes, director, Administration and Performance Control, said due to the initiative and attention to-duty exercised by the three men, a potentially grave situation was relegated to a minor inconvenience.

Thanks for a job well done

Employees who have received commendations.

Mohammed Ajami, North Park
Clarence Atkins III, 77th Street

Carmen Betances, North Park
George Bowen Jr., North Avenue

Charles Boxley, North Park
Richard Brown Jr., Archer
L.E. Brown Jr., North Park
Moses Buie, Lawndale
Philip Buscemi, Howard/Kimball
Virgel Butler, Beverly

Jean Cage, North Park
Charlie Caldwell, 69th Street
Edith Carr, Forest Glen
Carlotta Carter, 77th Street
Robert Charney, Forest Glen
James Clark, 77th Street
Leslie Clemons, 69th Street
Patricia Cobb, North Park
James Cockrell, Limits
Earle Cooke, 77th Street
Marco Cordova, Howard/Kimball

Lawrence Davis Jr., Rail Dist. North
Harper Donahue Jr., 77th Street

William Donohue, 77th Street
Lachester Drain, Limits
Herman Duffin, Forest Glen
Charles Durham, North Avenue

Ophelia Ellis, 77th Street

Roosevelt Fleet, North Park
Reginald Freeman, Rail Instruction
Harold Freiwald, Beverly

Daniel Garcia, Archer
Gonzalo Garcia, North Park
Allen Gordon, North Avenue
Joe Griffith, Beverly

Bertrand Hall, 77th Street
Billy Hall, Archer
August Hallmann, Forest Glen
Felix Hernandez, North Avenue
Rosemary Hoskins, North Park

R. Jackson, North Avenue
William James, North Park
Waymon Jeffrey, Beverly
Floyd Jennings, 77th Street
John Jimenez, North Park
Daniel Joseph, Forest Glen

Martin Kane, Howard/Kimball
Joe Kent, 77th Street

Minnie Latimore, North Avenue
Walter Lewis Jr., North Park
Joseph Lima, Forest Glen

Leslie Maringer, Forest Glen
Israel Martinez, Forest Glen
Jesse Mayfield, North Avenue
Calvin McCants, 69th Street
Phyllis McCoy, Forest Glen
Cordell McWorter, North Avenue
Willie Moore, North Avenue
Thomas Morrison, North Park
Anthony Myers, 77th Street

Amador Olavarria, Forest Glen

Frederick Pepke, Limits
Jorge Perez, North Park
Michael Powell, Howard/Kimball
Harry Purnell, 69th Street

John Reid, West Section
Johnny Riouse, 77th Street
Andrew Robinson, Howard/Kimball

Keith Rosche, Forest Glen

Juan Saucedo, West Section
Cassandra Seay, Limits
Elmer Shoemate, Archer
Ronald Singleton, Beverly
Charles Staples, 69th Street
Carl Suddeth, North Park

Kent Thomas, 77th Street
Lenora Thomas, North Avenue
Lynval Thompson, Limits
Blanca Torres, Forest Glen
David Tucker, North Avenue

Sergio Villanueva, North Park

Cleven Wardlow, Limits
Arthur Watkins, 69th Street
Gail Williams, 77th Street
Welborn Williams, Forest Glen
Pamela Willis, Archer
Leroy Wilson Jr., 77th Street

Willie Young, 77th Street
Fred Young, North Park

Joseph Zukerman, North Park
John Zupko, Howard/Kimball

Stores section names '83 employee of the year

The development of incentive programs designed to stimulate employee performance are unlimited, and CTA employees in other areas besides Transportation are also enjoying the benefits as evidenced by the Materials Management department.

Jack A. Lira, warehouse worker I, Stores section, Materials Management, was named the 1983 Employee of the Year in the most recent employee performance incentive program developed last year by Materials Management.

William Roman, director of Stores, and Edward Tobin, manager, Materials Management/Purchasing Agent, said that the new program is designed to give recognition to the most deserving employee in the Stores area. CTA storerooms are located at Skokie Shop, West Shops, 77th Street, 63rd Street Lower Yards, Washington Street Garage, and the Merchandise Mart.

Roman said criteria for selection included the employee's work record, any corrective action, volunteer work, and community involvement. The individual's supervisor was also required to write a narrative regarding the individual being considered.

The Employee of the Year program assesses workers in the Stores area from January to December. The program was developed with special input by James Riley, Materials Management unit supervisor, John Gill, supervisor, 63rd Street Lower Yards, and Bob McCarthy, Procurement.

Runners-up in the 1983 competition were Dorothy Doljanin, Stores West, Andrew Cunningham, Store-room 61, and Dalton Gilliland, Stores South.



Jack A. Lira (left) and Dorothy Doljanin show off their plaques awarded for Employee of the Year and runner-up, respectively. Sharing the moment with them is William Roman, director of Stores, Materials Management.



Your Social Security

Several recent changes in Social Security were effective in January 1984. You should be aware of what they are:

Benefit increase - If you receive Social Security or supplemental security income (SSI) benefits, your monthly payments increased 3.5 percent effective with the January check. The maximum Social Security retirement benefit generally payable is now \$734 a month for a person 65 in 1983. And the maximum Federal SSI payment is \$314 for an individual and \$472 for a couple.

Payroll tax increase - If you are an employee, the Social Security tax rate you pay this year will be the same as in 1983--6.7 percent, even though your employer will pay 7 percent. This is because of a one-time 0.3 percent tax credit you will get.

Self-employment tax increase - If you are self-employed, your Social Security tax rate for 1984 will be 100 percent of the combined employee-employer rate (14 percent), rather than at a rate that was roughly 70 percent of the total. But you will receive a self-employment tax credit of 2.7 percent of your self-employment income for 1984 (as well as a 2.3 percent credit for 1985, and a 2.0 percent credit for 1986-89).

Coverage for Federal and non-profit organization employees -

If you are newly hired by the Federal Government in 1984 or later, or if you work for a nonprofit organization, you are covered by Social Security. And if you are a nonprofit employee 55 or older first covered in 1984, you will need fewer work credits than normal to be insured for retirement or survivors benefits.

Improvements for disabled

widow(ers) - If you are a disabled widow or widower who started getting checks on your deceased spouse's Social Security record before age 60, your payments may be slightly increased in January (in addition to the regular benefit increase). And if you remarry, your benefits can continue. (This provision also applies to divorced surviving spouses.)

Taxation of benefits - If you get Social Security benefits and have substantial other income in addition to your benefits, up to one-half of the benefits may be subject to Federal income tax starting with 1984. Only about one in 10 people are affected by this provision.

For more information about these changes, contact any Social Security office. If you need more specific guidance concerning possible taxation of benefits, get in touch with the Internal Revenue Service.



CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli addresses a weekly meeting of the Mayor's Traffic Management Task Force held in the CTA Board room. Task Force members shown are (left to right) Frank Barker, director, Street Traffic; Harold Hirsch, manager, Operations Planning; Police Commander Howard Patinkin; Mark Wozny, City of Chicago Department of Public Works, and Task Force Chairman John LaPlante (Dept. of Public Works).



Members of the Mayor's Traffic Management Task Force listen intently as Lester Racker, area superintendent, Control Center, describes the train operations flow chart which monitors the exact location of all trains operating on the system.



CTA Planner Lena Phillips distributes maps and other informational material as she conducts a traffic signal test for Chicago Area Transportation Study. The test was in connection with the Mayor's Traffic Management Task Force.

City, state, CT private sector management

It has been said that a city which is not constantly rebuilding itself is a dying city. In recent years Chicago has undergone an unprecedented amount of new construction, particularly in the downtown central business district. The result of this building "boom" has been an increase in the size of the work force and good news on the economic scene.

However, with all the good news, there is, unfortunately, some bad. The bad news comes in the form of massive traffic slow-downs, tie-ups, and general disruption of mass transit service. The result is confusion, aggravation, and the apparent lack of concern help to the commuter negotiate the new and ever-changing (almost daily) traffic patterns.

In response to this dramatic rise in traffic congestion, the city's Department of Public Works prepared a "Loop Traffic Management Study" in spring of 1982. The study was an analysis of Loop traffic issues prepared by a committee including representatives of the Illinois Department of Transportation, the city's departments of Streets & Sanitation, Public Works, Police, Fire, and CTA. A number of business groups and organizations were also included.

One of the study recommendations was the creation of the Loop Traffic Management Task Force. This Task Force was responsible for an on-going review of major traffic management issues, as well as the development of specific solutions to on-going traffic problems.

Now titled the Mayor's Traffic Management Task Force, the group has met every week since June 17, 1982. The Task Force publishes a

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Pausing during a recent tour of the CTA's Control Center is the Chairman of the Mayor's Traffic Management Task Force, John LaPlante (second from right). Joining LaPlante from CTA are (left to right) Michael LaVelle, director of Service; Jim Blaa, administrative assistant to the executive director; Lou Dixon, area superintendent, Bus; Lester Racker, area superintendent, Control Center, and Frank Barker, director, Street Traffic.



Power Controller John Nimtz describes the power section of the CTA Control Center to the Mayor's Traffic Management Task Force. The Task Force toured the Control Center before a weekly meeting held at the CTA.



Mrs. Carol Goodman and her sons are attracted by the mini-bus which was on display in the Mayor's Traffic Management Task Force exhibit at the Chicago Auto Show courtesy of Bus Maintenance and Utility departments.

weekly updated advisory which details construction, potential traffic "bottle-necks," and a listing of upcoming special events which may necessitate changes in transit and traffic patterns.

"This task force, as far as we know, is the only one of its kind in the country," said Frank Barker, CTA's director of Street Traffic. "When you combine the resources of major city departments, state agencies and the private sector, the mass transit riding public reaps the benefits.

"Our supervisors, drivers, and control operations have advance warning of street closures, detours, etc. The key is advance planning--the Mayor's Traffic Management Task Force gives the CTA the edge necessary to provide fast, efficient transportation around construction areas," Barker said.

The Mayor's Traffic Management Task Force publishes a "Weekly Bulletin" which includes a list of items affecting traffic; special advisories noting alternative routes; seasonal reminders such as "Winter Parking Regulations"; and a map of downtown identifying construction zones and street closures.

Barker said that one of the most important services provided by the Traffic Management Task Force is a traffic telephone "Hotline." Barker said, "Information on construction projects and special events is available on a special 'Hotline' 24 hours a day. Dial S-T-R-E-E-T-S (787-3387)."

So the next time construction 'snarls' traffic and you wish "someone would do something about it!", the Mayor's Traffic Management Task Force and the CTA are working on it.

Isaac Beal Co-chairs SF Review

Isaac Beal, CTA superintendent of Special Services, has returned from San Francisco where he was co-chairman of a Special Services peer group review.

Beal, and Mrs. Carol Weinstein, superintendent, Special Services, Oakland, shared responsibilities as co-chairmen of the group which also had representatives from transit properties in Seattle, Portland, and Denver. All five cities provide special services transportation for elderly and handicapped riders.

The five-day San Francisco training session was held to educate MUNI personnel on special services as San Francisco considers offering a similar service. Beal said members of the group discussed their experiences in the various areas of special services with MUNI personnel. He said the Municipal Railway has ordered 280 lift-equipped Flyer buses similar to vehicles used by CTA, but plan to operate them over fixed routes.

"The matters for discussion which included policy, sensitivity, safety, record keeping, and the selection process of operators and other personnel for a special services program were very important matters in which MUNI felt they needed our input," said Beal.

Participants in the discussions included local politicians, MUNI management and departments concerned, union representatives, the advisory board for the disabled community, and operator representatives, Beal said.

Beal, who served on the peer group review under the auspices of CTA, was invited to participate by MUNI general manager and former CTA general operations manager Harold Geissenheimer. "I'm especially grateful to CTA Chairman Michael Cardilli, Executive Director Bernard Ford, and his assistant, James Blaa, for the sup-



port they extended which enabled me to be a part of this peer group review," Beal said.

"We believe that CTA Special Services is the best in the business," the superintendent said. "We have the best operators, and we provide more service for people. We have arrived at this conclusion as a result of our encounter with people from other transit properties across the nation who also offer special services for the elderly and handicapped in their respective municipalities.

"CTA's Special Services program provides transportation for a wide base of people. We are moving more than 12,325 people per month, a far cry from the 2,000 people a month with which we started this service.

"We operate 42 buses over 32 runs daily in Chicago's peak hours, providing a lot of service to people who have no other means of transportation. Thus, we believe we're far ahead of many other municipalities operating more special services buses than CTA, because we put more miles on our special services buses than we do the buses in our regular service.

"We believe it is because of our service to the elderly and handicapped

that other municipalities ask us to participate in such groups as this one in San Francisco, sharing information which might help them establish a like service.

"I'm well aware of how helpful a peer group review can be. Groups such as this were very instrumental in helping CTA establish its Special Services program. Thus, I'm very happy to participate in a peer group review. I feel as though I'm returning a favor," Beal concluded.

First subway elevator opens

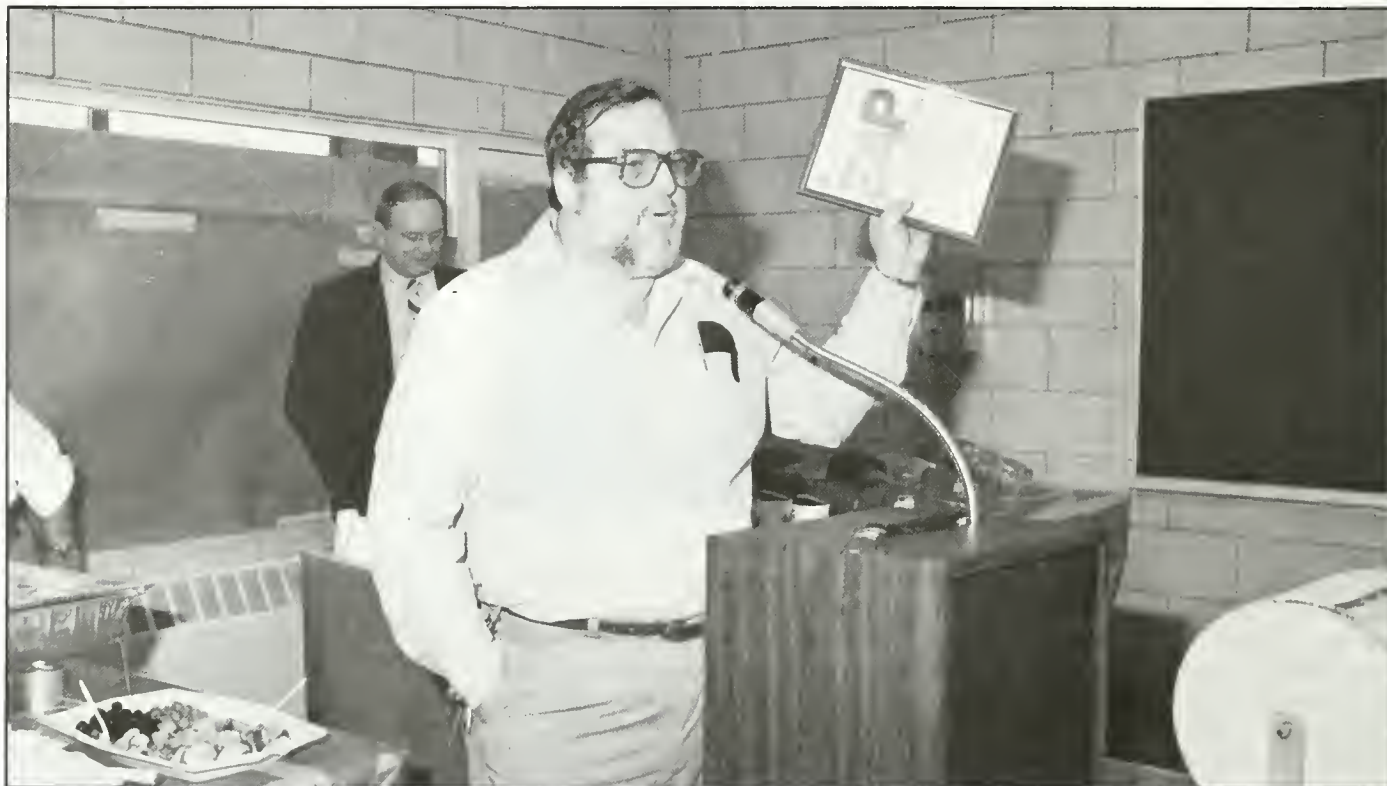
CTA's first elevator complex, which will enable mobility-limited riders to travel between street level and subway level, was opened Dec. 21 at Quincy street and the State Street Transit Mall.

This elevator complex takes disabled riders down from the street level to the Adams-Jackson mezzanine. There, disabled riders pay their fares to the ticket agent who opens a special gate for entrance to a second elevator. This takes disabled riders down to the State street subway on the Howard-Englewood-Jackson Park 'L'-subway rapid transit route.

The special elevator complex is in operation 24 hours a day, every day.

Because of the location of the platform doors on the Adams-Jackson subway platform, north and south-bound trains had their berthing areas moved closer to the elevator for handicapped riders boarding or alighting trains.

This elevator complex for use by disabled riders was constructed by the Bates & Rogers Construction Corp., 600 W. Jackson Blvd., the lowest of five bidders on this project which cost \$1,580,000. Federal and state governments funded this first of several street-to-subway elevator projects under study by the CTA.



John Antonucci, day foreman, Rosemont Terminal, proudly displays the terminal's second consecutive Zero Accident Program award, and congratulates Maintenance employees. Sharing in the celebration (background) is Richard Lorimer, superintendent, Rail Vehicle Terminals, South.

Rosemont terminal, CTA's newest rapid transit facility, has captured its second consecutive first place honor in the Zero Accident Program.

On the heels of its first ZAP award earned in the last quarter, maintenance personnel at the terminal destined to provide service to O'Hare International Airport, also took first place honors in the fourth quarter of 1983.

The victory also entitles the new facility's maintenance personnel to a catered lunch, a treat set aside for the terminal and garage winning the six-month competition which ended Dec. 31, 1983. The catered lunch is a new incentive effective since July 1, and is extended to maintenance personnel of the winning terminal and garage for both day and night shifts.

First place honors in the garage competition for the quarter and winner of

Rosemont, Forest Glen earn ZAP catered lunch

the six-month lowest accident frequency rate went to Forest Glen garage. Maintenance personnel at the garage were also treated to the catered lunch.

J.F. Dudley, safety supervisor, said all rail terminals and garage locations which have no injuries for the six-month period are automatically winners. Where there is no zero frequency rate, the garage or terminal with the lowest frequency rate will be the win-

ner, he said.

The determination will be made by using the standard calculated injury rate with handicap calculated for the six-month period. A minimum of two lunches will be catered for each six-month period, one for bus garages, and one for rail terminals.

Other incentives for safety performance include the awarding of jackets and caps designed with the CTA logo, tie pins, travel mugs and gift certificates.

First place ZAP awards also went to 54th and the 61st/Racine terminals. Winners in the Bus Shops competition included the Sheet Metal shop, Vehicle Wiring, Upholstery, Brake shop, Utility, Electrical Units Rebuild, Machine, Radiator and Print shops. At Skokie Rail Shops winners were Paint, Truck and Axle shops; Shop Service, and Blacksmith/Welding.

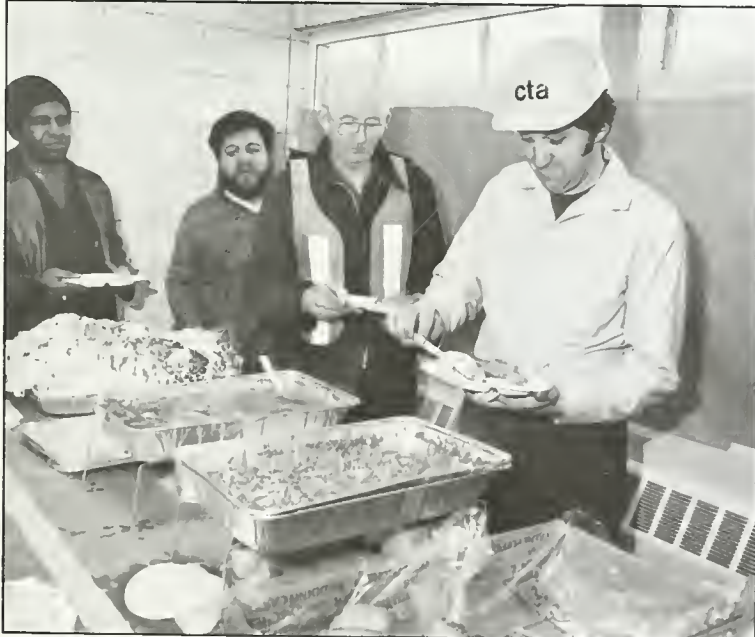
New incentive in safety program could inspire an improved performance among terminal and garage personnel



Jim Ward (left), day foreman at Forest Glen Garage, accepts the Zero Accident Program certificate on behalf of his crew from Tom Gecan, superintendent, North Side garages.



Forest Glen maintenance employees make their way through the buffet line to partake of a repast of chicken, beef, pasta, assorted salads, relishes and desserts.



Enjoying the catered luncheon at Rosemont are (left to right): Cisco Williams, day foremen (Howard), Cesar Sanchez, car servicer, and car repairers Mike Fahey and Roland Scheibe.



Forest Glen's Zero Accident Program certificate rests among door prizes of jackets, caps, gift certificates and other rewards won by employees.



Joe Siegal retires

Joe Siegal, superintendent, Power and Wiring Design (right), accepts his retirement packet, and CTA's best wishes for a happy retirement from Ronald Swindell, director, Power, Signal and Communications Engineering. Siegal retired February 1 after 38 years of CTA service. He began his career on June 26, 1946 as an assistant testing engineer with the Chicago Surface Lines. He was involved in several major substation renovations, the establishment of the Dan Ryan and Kennedy rapid transit lines, and the O'Hare Extension. Siegal was also a CTA representative with the American Public Transportation Association as chairman of the Power Committee and vice chairman of the Power Signal and Communications Committee.



At 65 plus

Rubin Razor (second from left), accepts the coveted retirement folder from Director of Schedules Norman Oswald, as Principal Traffic Checker Vernon Coleman, (left), and Willie B. Scott, supervisor, Traffic Analysis, look on. The 68-year old traffic checker who retired February 1, joined CTA Dec. 31, 1964 as a bus operator. He was assigned to the Schedules Department July 14, 1975.



30-year veteran

Simmons Gibson's wife Phyllis (left) and daughter Mary Ellen (right) shared the honors at his retirement party February 28 in the Mart offices of Materials Management, where he most recently served as a file clerk. Gibson, a 30-year CTA veteran, plans to take his wife on a cruise before returning to their home in the Gresham neighborhood, on the South Side, where he'll do some fixing up and work on his hobby -- photography.



Golden celebrations

Two Forest Glen garage retirees and their wives recently celebrated 50 years of marriage. They are Mr. and Mrs. Herold Childers (left), and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Schmitt who observed their golden wedding anniversaries with friends at the Chicago Transit Authority Retirees Club of New Port Richey, Fla. Childers and his wife, Dorothy, observed their anniversary in October while Schmitt, and wife, Evelyn, celebrated November 15. Childers, a former bus operator, became a pensioner in February, 1974 while Schmitt, a clerk, retired in April, 1974.



Golden key honors

Southern Illinois University senior Dianna Yedinak (at podium), daughter of materials handling specialist Michael Yedinak and president of the SIU chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society, gives remarks as Golden Key pays special recognition to outstanding members of the university and the Carbondale community. Included among recipients named as honorary members of Golden Key were Governor James Thompson, and Carbondale Mayor Helen Westberg.

Service anniversaries in March

35 Years

Charlie Florence, Jefferson Park
Norman Kujawa, South Shops
Paul Malone, Power and Way
Daniel Murphy, South Shops
Paul Sauve, Power and Way

30 Years

Marie Albano, Claims
Herman Lloyd, 77th Street
Jerome Pavel, South Shops
August Sanfilippo, Forest Glen
James Skopec, District D
Leonard Tucek, South Shops
Ted Ulasz, North Avenue
Young Walker Jr., 77th Street
John Wealer, District D

25 Years

Aldon Bland Jr., Beverly
John Campbell, Power and Way
Samuel Coulter Jr., 77th Street
Rebecca Cousins, Administration
Anita Curtis, Personnel Administration
Dorothy Dismang, West Section
Joseph Folken, Jefferson Park
Donald Grudecki, Power and Way
Judge Patrick, Forest Glen
Henry Madden, North Park
Graen McFadyen, North Avenue
Alex Nesbitt, Power and Way
John O'Riordan, Buildings and Grounds
Joseph Piento, Comm /Power Control
Edgar Shaw, Power and Way
Arthur Smith, Ashland Terminal

New Pensioners

CARL ANDERSON, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 4-1-57
GORDON BALAZS, Area Supt.,
Bus District, Emp. 7-30-47
HORACE CRAWFORD, Painter,
West Shops, Emp. 4-26-47
ELVIN FORD, Clerk I,
Schedules, Emp. 10-31-51
SIMMONS GIBSON, File Clerk,
Materials Mgmt., Emp. 5-21-53
CATHERINE HAYMAKER, Travel Rep.,
Travel Center, Emp. 9-27-72
JOSEPH JOHNSON, Tinner,
West Shops, Emp. 6-15-59
JOHN KELLY, Bus Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 6-4-46
*DONALD LEMM, Manager,
Insurance & Pensions, Emp. 7-20-42
NICK LaCORCIA, Unit Supvr., Strm.,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 5-7-46
DANIEL O'DONNELL, Shop Tractor Oper.,
South Shops, Emp. 1-6-49
JAMES OHSE, Superintendent,
District B, Emp. 2-14-47
JOHN PERESIN, Plumber,
West Shops, Emp. 4-26-47
OSCAR PRIMM Sr., Bus Operator
Limits, Emp. 6-24-68
JULIO RUIZ, Car Servicer,
Howard, Emp. 4-12-67
WILLIAM THOMAS, Bus Serv. Supvr.,
District A, Emp. 7-1-46
NICK TRIFFON, Bus Supervisor,
District B, Emp. 5-9-50
CLEVEN WARDLOW Sr., Bus Operator,
Limits, Emp. 7-16-52
*JAMES WILSON, Bus Repairer,
Limits, Emp. 3-15-67

*Retroactive to 2-1-84

Disability Retirements

SAMUEL HIGHSMITH Jr., Traff. Chkr.,
Schedules, Emp. 12-16-57
DOROTHY PUGH, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 10-22-68

IN MEMORIAM

JULIO ADORNO, 39, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-6-76, Died 12-14-83
HAROLD BELL, 76, Beverly,
Emp. 8-17-36, Died 1-24-84
CHARLES BERRY, 51, 77th Street
Emp. 11-12-56, Died 12-26-83
JAMES BOAL, 88, Way & Struts,
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ROBERT BURTON, 62, South Shops,
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MAURICE WILLIAMS, 39, Limits,
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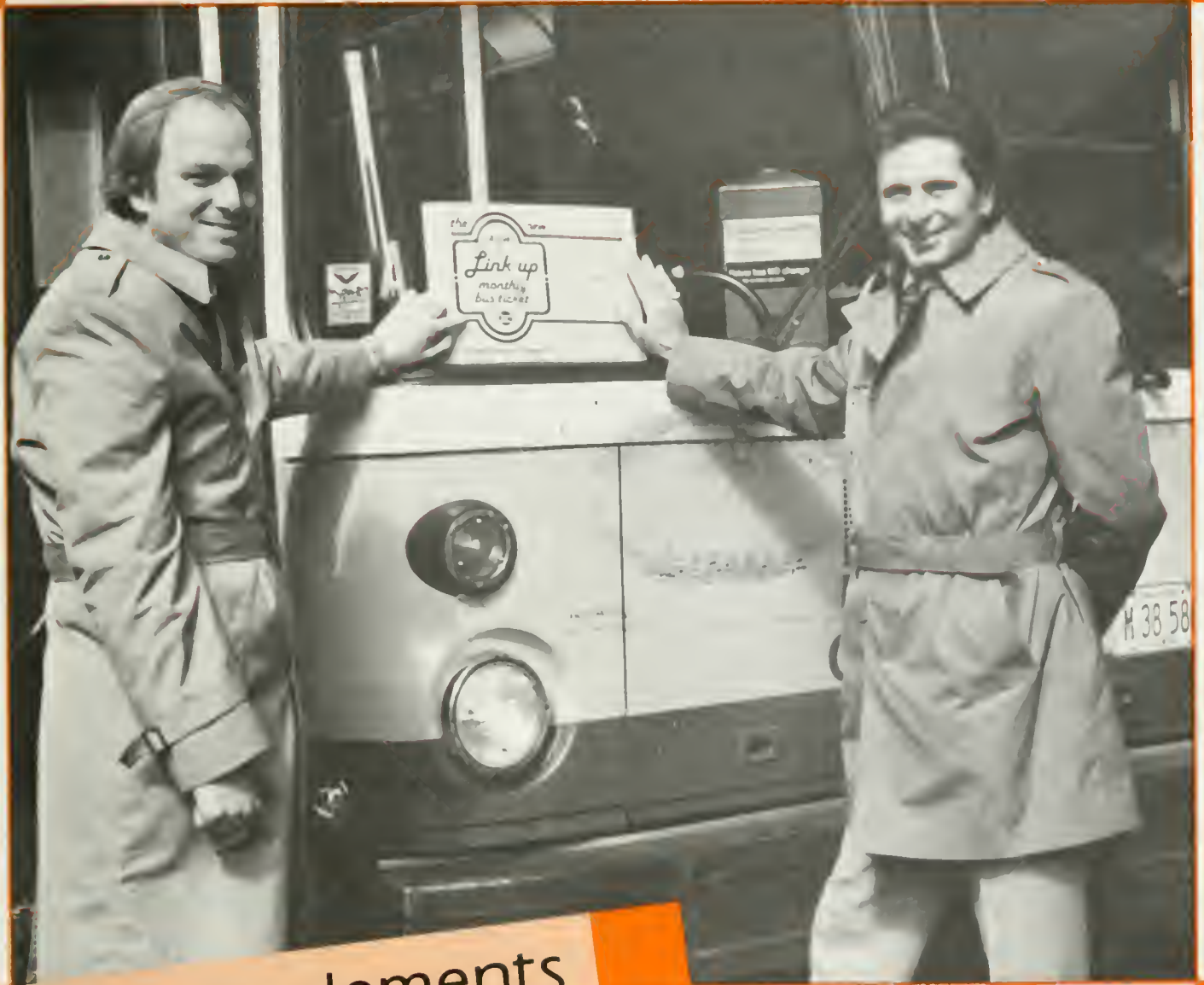
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RTA implements LINK-UP PASS for rail commuters

RTA interim Chairman John Kramer (left) and CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli join in an informal ceremony marking the start of the RTA's Link-up monthly bus ticket for railroad commuters to use on buses to and from their train trips. The \$25 monthly ticket is valid Mondays through Saturdays on designated bus routes.

Another step was taken April 2 in the six-county RTA service area regional fare integration plan with the sale of the RTA's \$25 monthly Link-Up Pass.

The new pass is designed for use by monthly ticket holders on commuter railroads, and will permit

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RTA implements Link-Up Pass...

them to continue their weekday and Saturday trips by using bus service at both ends of the commuter rail lines. The CTA's rapid transit system is not included in the Link-Up Pass program.

The fare integration plan began shortly after the RTA was implemented with development of the universal transfer and integrated transit fares for all transit agencies funded by the RTA. Acceptance by both CTA and RTA of each other's monthly bus passes soon followed.

The RTA Link-Up Pass, proposed last summer, will serve to cut costs of bus riding for monthly commuter railroad riders. The RTA has expressed the hope of increasing ridership on its suburban bus system, its six commuter railroads, and CTA buses.

The Link-Up proposal was high on the agenda when the RTA interim board was created late last year. In order to insure the smooth implementation of the April 2 start of the plan, members of the CTA's Operations Planning Department, headed by Howard P. Benn, director, Route and System Planning, along with RTA staff, participated in weekly meetings on the Link-Up Pass program for the first three months of the year.

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RTA

Link-up

monthly bus ticket

We've found the missing link with our new RTA LINK-UP Monthly Bus Ticket. RTA and CTA have linked-up to bring you convenience and low-cost riding. For only \$25 a month the new LINK-UP Bus Ticket can be used on all RTA and CTA designated regular, feeder and shuttle bus routes to and from railroad stations in Chicago and the suburbs during rush hours.

The LINK-UP Monthly Bus Ticket can be purchased at selected suburban rail stations and all downtown rail terminals.

For further information call
(312) 836-4332, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, Monday-Friday.

Regional Transportation Authority

The Link-Up Passes are \$25 each and are sold only with the purchase of an RTA monthly railroad ticket at downtown railroad stations and selected outlying railroad stations.

The RTA has entered into a legal agreement with CTA to reimburse the CTA for lost or diverted revenue based upon the Link-Up Pass use on CTA buses.

The Operations Planning Department has estimated that approximately 10,000 railroad commuters who board CTA shuttle buses at the LaSalle street, Illinois Central Gulf, Union, and North Western railroad stations are eligible to use the pass.

The Link-Up Pass is valid in downtown Chicago when pass holders are boarding designated bus routes at certain boarding locations near the downtown railroad stations between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m., and between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The pass is also valid during the same hours on all RTA or CTA routes which serve commuter railroad stations outside of the downtown area.

The Link-Up Pass will be honored by CTA bus operators only when it is shown with a valid RTA monthly railroad commuter pass upon boarding the bus.

From the Chairman

Changing seasons, new challenges

CTA employees can look back on the long winter and take pride in the fine transportation that we provided for millions of riders from the city and nearby suburbs. Crises like the holiday season's sub-zero weather and the Lake Street fire tested our abilities, while the continuous inconvenience caused by snow and cold weather tried our endurance. My fellow Board members and I congratulate you for meeting winter's challenge with a job well done.

Looking ahead we must realize that, although it is a more pleasant season, summer also presents challenges and opportunities for CTA employees.

The challenges, of course, are numerous and familiar. Hot weather can cause overheating and air conditioning malfunctions; sudden rain showers on summer days can make oily pavement become slippery and hazardous; and various sporting and recreational events can cause crowding on our vehicles comparable to the worst rush hours. We must meet summer's challenges with the same spirit of dedication, cooperation, and courtesy that established our fine service record this winter.

Summer is also a season of opportunities. Careful performance of duties and consideration for riders can convince new riders to become regular transit users, thus increasing ridership. Attention to the needs of riders, especially a willingness to assist tourists with directions and information, can lead to increased tourism that will boost our city's economy.

Most of all, summer offers many excellent opportunities to really get involved in CTA. Employees are always welcome to participate as judges, helpers, or spectators at events like the Bus Rodeo, the Third Rail Round-Up, and the new Ticket Agents' Competition; and the competitors appreciate moral support from other employees who show interest in the events. Various operating locations have also planned picnics or other activities for summer enjoyment and comradery.

So let's enjoy this summer by getting involved in CTA's summer activities; and let's begin selling CTA by showing the public that we are their agency, and that we wish to serve them by providing the best possible transit service in the country. Each and every one of us can promote CTA through our presence in the community.

Michael Randell

CTA Board appoints new general attorney



Northwestern University law professor Joyce A. Hughes, a former member of the Chicago Board of Education, has been appointed CTA General Attorney by the Chicago Transit Board.

Miss Hughes who reports directly to the Chairman of the Board, will exercise supervision over all legal activities of the CTA, including law department, labor relations, worker's compensation, claims, and real estate.

To accept the CTA appointment which expires December 31, 1987, Miss Hughes relinquished her position as senior attorney for the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago.

CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli, commenting on the appointment, said, "Miss Hughes comes to the CTA with a background that covers the fields of education, banking, business, public service, and government. We are most fortunate that she accepted this appointment."

The new CTA general attorney received her undergraduate degree magna cum laude from Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota; was a Fullbright scholar at the University of Madrid, Spain, and was awarded the J.D. degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota.

Her previous experience includes private practice of law in Minneapolis, where she was also general counsel for Community Electronics Corporation and counsel to the Plymouth Avenue Development Corporation. She has been an associate professor of law at the University of Minnesota, a consul-

tant to the Office of Technology Assessment of the United States Congress, and a consultant to the Division of Government and Law of the Ford Foundation.

Miss Hughes has also served the public as a member of the Governor's Council on Jobs and the Economy, U.S. Delegation to the Belgrade Follow-Up Meeting to the Helsinki Accord, and the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Evidence.

She is a director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, a vice president of Chicago's Community Renewal Society, and serves on the Board of Directors of Leadership Greater Chicago.

Miss Hughes is a resident of the Hyde Park community.

Bus, rail, ticket agents in 1984 Rodeo contests

CTA bus and rail rodeo committees are gearing up for the Authority's 1984 competition.

Bus Rodeo Chairman William Thompson said qualified participants were selected from applicants vying for berths in this year's event. "We are striving for even greater participation than last year," said Thompson. "This would be a tremendous success for us," he added.

Thompson said bus rodeo applicants were given a written test at the Transportation Training Center covering CTA operating procedures, defensive driving principles, and Rules of the Road. Simultaneous garage level preliminary driving competition is tentatively scheduled for the weekends of June 2-3, and June 9-10 at Forest Glen and 77th Street garages as contestants compete for the Winning Circle 20.

Meanwhile, as rapid transit personnel get set for the 1984 Third Rail Roundup, Arthur Hubbard, superintendent of rail instruction, told rail employees, "You made history in 1983. The 1983 Third Rail Roundup was the culmination of professionalism. Last year, we asked the question, 'Are you the trainman who will be Washington, D.C. - bound?' We are asking the same question for 1984. We will be looking for you."

Hubbard said applications for the

Third Rail Roundup will be accepted beginning June 17 and continue through June 23. Names of individuals qualifying will be posted at terminals July 13, and written tests will be conducted at all nine terminals during the week of July 15-21.

Hubbard said uniform judging and terminal competition will be held the week of July 29 through August 4, and winners will be posted the week of August 12. The final competition will be held in late August or the first week of September, Hubbard said. He said plans are also underway to include the conductor in this year's competition.

In addition, 1984 presents the all new ticket agent competition, a first for the mass transit industry as well as the CTA. Samuel Smith, assistant superintendent, Transportation Department Training Center, chairman of the ticket agent competition, said applications for the new contest will be available at terminals May 25 through June 8.

Names of qualifying applicants in the ticket agent competition are expected to be posted by June 18. Section level written tests will be conducted the week of July 1-8, while section level performance tests have been planned for the week of July 25.

Smith said the top 10 finalists, and three section champions will be named the week of July 27 with final competition tentatively set for late August.

RTA chairman to recognize good works

CTA employees have a special opportunity to be rewarded monetarily for good works which go beyond their responsibilities to the riding public.

RTA Chairman John D. Kramer is donating his salary of \$1,000 per month to be used for rewarding deserving personnel employed by any of the agencies under the RTA umbrella. The selection of honorees will be based on letters of recommendation, or telephone calls from the general public.

A special committee has been named by the RTA chairman to review the recommendations on a regular basis. Recommendations should be mailed to RTA Incentive Programs, 300 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60610, or call 836-4047.

Spring heralds opening of budget season



On a much larger scale, budgeting helps CTA plan and prioritize expenses and activities.

Spring is the harbinger of birds, flowers, grass, warm weather, new life and the baseball season. Spring is also the beginning of CTA's budget season!

Budget Manager Jud Lawrie compared the CTA budget to the family budget. "We at CTA do much the same thing as the average family does sitting at the kitchen table discussing their budget," Lawrie said. "The family has mortgage payments, a car loan, medical expenses, educational needs and unforeseen bills. CTA has many of the same types of needs. The difficulty comes in trying to balance what you want or need to do with the income you have available."

Lawrie added that the average family is made up of four individuals, while the CTA has more than 12,000 employees. Lawrie said, "The family discusses the budget in terms of tens of thousands of dollars; we at CTA talk in terms of hundreds of millions of dollars. Our problems, goals, and aspirations may be similar, but it is the magnitude and complexity of CTA's structure which necessitates the great

demands made on the budget preparers in all departments throughout the system.

This great demand for detail within the CTA budget network comes from a variety of different sources. "The CTA when viewed as a half-billion dollar corporation, must maintain good business and accounting procedures," Lawrie said. "Although we do not have stockholders, per se, we are responsible to our riders, to various funding agencies, and ultimately to the tax payers. CTA is dedicated to providing good, efficient public transportation, and sound budgeting practice is one of the ways that we accomplish this goal."

There are two primary purposes for budgeting--planning and control. Planning enables CTA to allocate its scarce resources to the needs of highest priority; and control uses the budget plan as a measure of actual performance throughout the year, identifying where budget variance problems exist and where corrective action may be necessary.

The annual budget development process begins in late-April and ends (some think it never ends) with final CTA Board approval in November. (Legislation passed in the last session of the Illinois General Assembly requires that the CTA budget be submitted to the Regional Transportation Authority for approval by November 15.)

The budgeting process is accomplished through three stages: 1) department managers outline goals and identify problems; 2) detailed dollar requests are submitted and evaluated; 3) departments develop their annual budget "spread."

Stage I

Beginning in late April, the budget process starts at the department level. Department managers outline their goals, objectives, problems, and suggested changes. "This first phase is basically a narrative," Lawrie said. "Department managers review programs and outline plans. It is in this first phase that department managers

can lay the foundation for changes from their existing budget levels. Such changes might include requests for additional personnel, funding for new programs, or methods of improving operations."

The "narrative" is focused on concepts rather than numbers. It is reviewed with the executive director, and initial decisions are made concerning funding priorities. These decisions then become the basis for the next, more detailed budgeting stage.

Stage 2

Throughout the CTA there are approximately 80 "budgeting units"



Through careful budgeting, families plan for future needs and wants.

Illustrations by Erwin Harris

which are responsible for putting the \$\$ (dollars) next to the personnel, projects, improvements, office supplies and everything conceivable within their respective departments. Stage 2 begins in summer, and the budgeting units are generally the next organizational level below the department.

"We call the budgeting process both a 'bottom up' and 'top down' approach," said Lawrie. "Budgeting needs are developed from the 'bottom up', and these needs are then evaluated within 'top down' funding targets.

"The individuals who prepare the departmental requests are 'hands-on' front line people who know the opera-

tion of the department. In conjunction with departmental management, they can best decide where the money should go and where personnel changes can best be made."

Once the budget is reviewed by the department manager, it is submitted to the Budget department. The budget is thoroughly examined, summarized and reviewed with the executive director. After this evaluation, the executive director and the department manager discuss any changes. The final proposed budget is then compiled and presented to the Board for public hearings, possible modification, and final approval.

Stage 3

After the budget has been approved, it is broken down into very detailed form which is then "spread" over the 12 accounting periods of the year. This enables management to monitor budget performance very closely. Adherence to budget is a good reflection on the manager and demonstrates that the employees in the department are performing their jobs well. The budget "spread" is also an invaluable tool that helps the department manager quickly identify and prevent unfavorable budget variations.

If unforeseen operating problems occur during the year, their monetary af-

fect can be monitored by the budget "spread", and any actions necessary to solve the problems can be quickly and accurately identified.

Budget's Role

What is the Budget Department's role in this process? Is the Budget Department really the "enemy", taking a meat-axe approach to all budget requests?

Lawrie responded, "Although it is clearly the Budget Department's responsibility to evaluate the relative priorities of budget requests and to fit all requests within available funds, it also plays the role of advocate for budget requests when it is convinced that the need is justified and the priority is high."

Guidance in the technical aspects of budget preparation can be obtained throughout the year from each department's budget coordinator. As a staff member of the Budget department, it is the budget coordinator's responsibility to work with assigned departments to insure that their budget requests are prepared accurately and completely. The budget coordinator also learns the operations and needs of each assigned department and can help to represent these needs throughout the budgeting process.

As you can see, the budget process is much more than top level management merely sitting with a red pencil crossing out this or that item. Rather, the complex process of preparation, summarization, analysis, executive review, and Board adoption takes six months to complete and a full year to monitor.

Just remember when you are at the kitchen table with calculator paper streaming to the floor and you ask "Why am I doing a budget?", the answer comes when you can balance your income and expenses in such a way that a new car becomes possible, or a long awaited vacation.

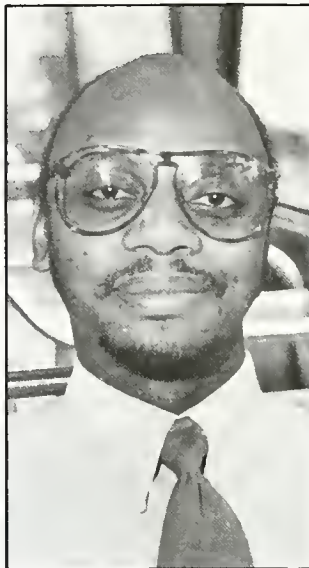
At CTA, we are no different. The answer comes when we manage our fiscal resources in such a way that we are able not only to meet our basic needs, but also to have funds available for desired improvements. It is in this way that we can best serve our riders and our employees.

Commendation Corner

Dorothy Coleman Moore (West Section) was the conductor of a Milwaukee/Douglas train ridden by Father James Erwin, of South Ashland Avenue. "I wish to highly commend her for extra courteous and most helpful service. I have ridden this line for many years, and never observed a better employee. She announced stations and important places very clearly. She is very courteous in answering questions. After flying into O'Hare and boarding her train, I observed her helping travelers who did not speak English. The CTA and the city should be very proud of this lady who 'gives her all' in her job."



Jerome Perdue (Limits garage) was praised in letters from four riders of a No. 147 Outer Drive Express bus for recovering the wallet of Joanne Keenan, of West 84th Street. Mrs. Keenan herself wrote: "Once inside the bus, I discovered that someone had taken my wallet out of my purse. A woman passenger pointed out the young man who had taken it. The door was still open, and the young man ran out. The bus driver immediately confronted him, so he dropped the wallet and continued running. You certainly must know how much it means to have my money, credit cards and driver's license returned intact."



Lovettia Randolph (North Park garage) was complimented by Mrs. Lawrence Blixt, of Evanston, for her courtesy as operator of a No. 49B North Western bus. "Soon after I boarded at Howard, she saw an elderly man trying to catch the bus, and was kind enough to motion to him to take it easy, waiting a few seconds for him to make it. She had a large number of people get on at Pratt, and handled them beautifully, answering questions politely, with smiles and all-around efficiency. All in all, she was very considerate of her passengers, and should be commended for doing her job very professionally."

Sam Thomas and Assistant Superintendent **Rosalio Garcia** (both from Washington garage) were thanked by Emma Williams, of Yale Avenue, for their help in serving her paraplegic son, Kurt. "Due to the hard work and perseverance of Superintendent Garcia and the bus drivers for Special Services, my son was able to complete two semesters at Kennedy-King College, and is now entering Olive-Harvey College to continue his education. Without this service, he would not be able to achieve this. I especially want to commend Sam Thomas, our driver. He was always kind, polite, considerate and compassionate, truly a joy to see each morning."

Herman Trimuel (North Park garage) was the operator of a No. 50 Damen bus that Mary Simunich rode one morning from her home on West Schiller Street. "It was a fearful day to be out, and the (Saturday) schedule was scanty. When we pulled up to North Avenue and dropped off passengers, there was a west-bound bus letting off a few more. The driver then pulled across the street and waited for possible northbound travelers. Sir Galahad couldn't have been more courtly, and I told him so and took his number. When I got off, he told me I made his day, and I replied that he had made mine, so we were even!"

Lawrence Turner (Forest Glen garage) was appreciated by Jacqueline Hinton, of North Lotus Avenue, for his handling of a No. 85 Central bus. "I found him to be interested in his job. He greets all his passengers with a smile or a 'Good evening.' Also, he announces the streets, and is well-groomed. Finally, he isn't a slow or a fast driver, but moderate, and I believe he gets to his destination on time and safely. Like they say, your actions speak louder than words. This driver is a tremendous asset to CTA, and is worthy of more than a pat on the back, because it is hard sometimes to get along with fellow citizens."

Patricia Cobb (North Park garage) was commended by P. L. Mough, who rode her No. 151 Sheridan bus one afternoon from 333 North Michigan. "She had a pleasant smile for every rider. She announced every stop loud and clear, and asked everyone to watch their step, also. By the end of my 20-minute ride, she had everyone on the bus laughing and talking about her great attitude and pleasant personality. She was helpful with directions for those lost souls in the big city, and I'm sure she made everyone's evening a lot more fun. She seems to enjoy her job, and that's nice to see."

Anthony Zenner (North Park garage) "deserves special consideration," according to Ruth Schaeffer, of North Lake Shore Drive, who was a rider on his No. 151 Sheridan bus. "He is by far the most courteous driver I have ever encountered. He makes my day whenever I am fortunate enough to board his bus. His sense of humor and pleasant personality make an otherwise uneventful trip a real pleasure. Anyone who can maintain a high level of passenger cooperation and manage to have a smile when conditions on the bus are crowded, and everyone feels they are being shoved around, deserves the highest reward."



"Day in CTA" honorees (from left) Tom Collins, Allen Willis, Lindsey Carney, and Melvin Wark, pay close attention to bus controller James Stevens as he explains procedures conducted in the control center which primarily benefit operating personnel.

Spirit of professionalism and service earns honors

"A Day in CTA" honors were bestowed upon a motorman and three bus operators for outstanding professionalism and community service.

Motorman Lindsey Carney of Howard Street terminal was a recipient of the special recognition for his response to a signal from a man he saw standing on the platform at Jackson Street. Carney brought his North-South train to a halt in time to avoid contact with a man who had toppled onto the tracks from the Jackson Street platform.

The 13-year veteran CTA employee immediately requested that power be turned off so that rescuers could remove the man from the tracks. The alert motorman's attention and prompt action is credited with saving a life.

In another life saving action, bus operation Melvin Wark of Forest Glen parked his east bound bus at Lawrence and Leavitt, grabbed his fire extinguisher and raced to a densely smoke-filled building. Wark broke through the burning building's doors to alert its tenants. Meanwhile, he used

the extinguisher to douse the fire as much as possible. Firemen arrived later to finish the job, and Operator Wark, a CTA employee since 1974, was rushed to a hospital where he was treated for smoke inhalation.

Other "Day in CTA" honorees were Operators Allen Willis of North Avenue garage, and Tom Collins of Archer. If the worth of an individual is really measured by the good that a person does for others, then Operator Willis is truly a giant of a man.

Since 1979, this 12-year veteran bus operator has donated his time, energy, and sometimes his money, as a coach of wheelchair softball. Last year, he and other wheelchair softball coaching staff members piloted Chicago's "Pacemakers" to a national championship in a tournament held at Soldier Field and sponsored by the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

Good will ambassador Tom Collins, a CTA employee for 16 years, is an operator on the 129 Northwestern/-Franklin route. Riders on Collins' bus are pleased to have him aboard because they appreciate his professionalism. His actions have always demonstrated his caring and responsible nature. A recent letter from a rider on Collins' bus to CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli said, "Mr. Collins is a friendly, pleasant, most courteous and helpful individual."

Thanks for a job well done

Employees who have received commendations from the public

Nelson Anderson, Ashland
Marcos Argudin, Forest Glen

Darryl Barber, North Avenue
Searcy Barnett, North Park
John Bright, Douglas/Congress

Jean Cage, North Park
Marvin Chachere, North Park
Raul Cisneros, Archer
Gerald Cottone, North Avenue

Leon Davis, 77th Street
Harper Donahue Jr., 77th Street
Wilfred DuPree, North Park

Elmer Elem, Archer
Raphael Emery, North Park

Albert Fields, North Park
William Finley Jr., North Avenue

Juan Gonzalez, North Avenue
Richard Grady, Limits

Hyman Harrison, Forest Glen
A. Haskin, Forest Glen
Humber Horne, Ashland

Donald Jackson, Limits

William Markowski, Forest Glen
Calvin McCants, 69th Street
Howard Means, Washington
George Michko, 77th Street

Dianna Owens, Forest Glen

Jerome Perdue, Limits
Beverly Phillips, 77th Street
Edward Pietri, Jefferson Park

Donald Reed, Beverly
Jesus Rivera, North Park
Chester Robertson, Archer

Gary Schneider, Howard/Kimball
Billy Small, North Park
Albert Smith Sr., North Avenue

Harold Taylor, 77th Street

Earl Walker, 77th Street
Rusher Watson, North Avenue
William Wilson, North Park

Joseph Zukerman, North Park



Cramer, Hastalis take a ride on London's transit service

London's famous red double deck buses do a turn around Nelson monument in Trafalgar Square.

(Mike Cramer and Steve Hastalis, customer assistance coordinators, travel the industrialized world seeking different forms of public transit to ride on and to report about. This is another episode from Mike Cramer's Transit Diary.)

For some time we have wanted to visit London, England, but we were deterred by either the lack of travel time, money, or both. Last November that all changed. We found a pair of round trip flights at \$486 each plus 10 days vacation each just too good to pass up.

On November 29, we boarded an Air Canada flight at O'Hare Airport, flew to Toronto for a change of planes, and by 7:30 a.m. November 30 we were disembarking at London's Heathrow Airport.

The first impression one has of Heathrow is the size of the place. We have repeatedly been told by friends that Heathrow was BIG. They were wrong. Heathrow is ENORMOUS. But, first things first.

After nipping through customs and immigration, we headed for the London Transport underground (subway to the uninitiated). From Terminal No. 3 at Heathrow we took a series of three moving sidewalks to the underground station.

London Transport has an offer we could not refuse--a week-long pass for unlimited riding at a cost of \$18 each. The alternative was to purchase individual tickets and pay by distance to a specific station.

The passes are a gilt edge bargain since London has some of the highest public transit fares in the world.

We paid for our passes and went down to the train platform where we boarded the Piccadilly line for the trip to our hotel. The cars on the Piccadilly line are slightly longer, lower, and narrower than CTA's cars. Also, the car bodies are rounded, reminding one of an airplane without wings. These cars are part of London Transport's tube stock.

Our hotel was located at Strand street near Covent Garden. The Piccadilly line would have taken us within a block of it, but, we received some incorrect directions, needlessly changed trains, and got off three blocks from our hotel.

The Covent Garden area, once a fruit and vegetable market, has been changed to a delightful shopping area replete with boutiques, specialty shops, and restaurants. But more important, it is the site of the London Transport Museum--one of our destinations.

This transit museum tells the story

through displays and graphics of public transportation in London from early horse-drawn cars, to a coal-fired steam engine used in the underground's tubes to haul passenger cars, single and double-deck buses, and various street cars. London, of course, is famous for its red, double-deck buses. Modern subway and surface vehicles also are displayed.

We each purchased, before our departure from Chicago, a one-week British Rail pass for the National Railway of Great Britain. The cost was \$147 each, an excellent bargain since Britain, Scotland, and Wales have high frequency rail service.

High speed diesel-powered trains travel up to 125 mph, so we managed to make trips to the cities of York, Redding, Greenwich, Leeds, and Carlisle, to name a few.

One non-transit note: London is not a city where one goes looking for great food. We did enjoy the traditionally English steak and kidney pie, but for those who don't favor British cuisine, there's always a handy Burger King, Wendy's, a McDonald's, or a pizza place.

We only spent eight days in England and hope to return for an extended visit. Friends who know England well advise a month's visit. I'm inclined to agree with them..

Top:

Coal fired steam engine in London Transport museum was once used to pull underground cars through London's tubes.

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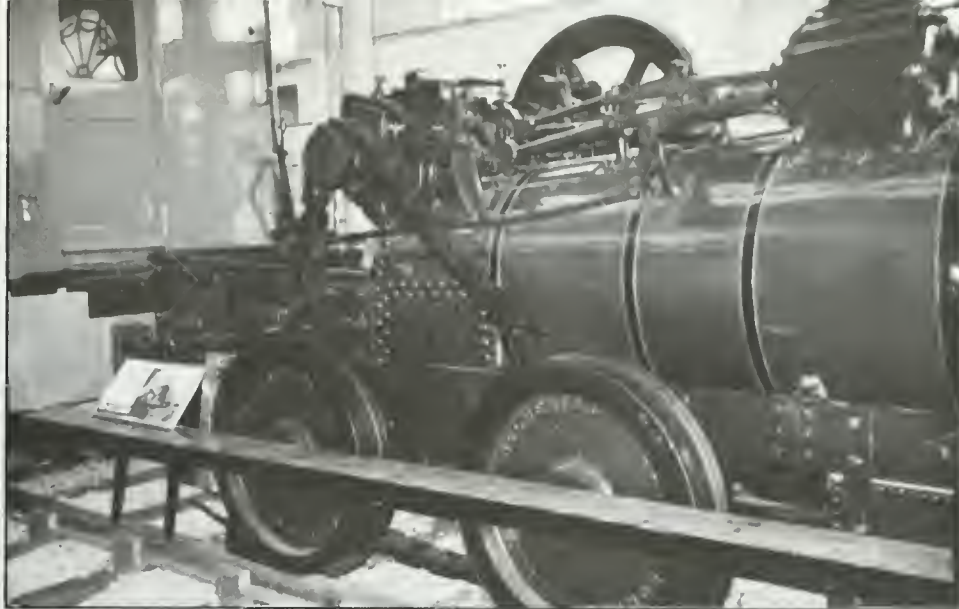
Cramer sits at mockup of old control box of retired driver's cab on display in the Transport museum. The cyneston (power control device) is on the left side.

Middle right:

Mike Cramer, customer assistance coordinator, pauses in London Transport's museum beside a retired "tube" car used in the underground around the turn of the century.

Bottom:

Driver on British Rail's Midland Electric line chats with two rail supervisors who escorted Cramer and Steve Hastalas, customer assistance coordinators, on rail trips round the British capitol.





All three of CTA'S Culture Bus routes originate in front of the Art Institute, on Michigan just south of Adams, where Chicagoans and visitors alike board articulated buses for direct trips to the city's major cultural attractions, and listen as commentators provide historic and other information about points of interest along the way.

Culture bus is back, fare structure changes

CTA's eighth Culture Bus season began Sunday, May 27, when the "Big Bend" buses used for the service returned to their warm-weather terminal in front of the Art Institute, on Michigan just south of Adams.

Service on all three Culture Bus routes will operate every Sunday and holiday until September 30, carrying riders to more than 30 cultural attractions on the South, North, and West sides.

Routing and schedules remain the same as last year, with West route buses leaving every 30 minutes between 10:35 a.m. and 4:05 p.m.; South route buses departing at 20-minute intervals from 10:40 till 4:40; and North route buses, every 30 minutes from 10:45 till 4:45. Round trips take from 1¼ to 1½ hours each.

The major change in 1984 is the

fare. A Culture Bus Supertransfer now costs \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, or for senior citizens or disabled riders with a Special Users Travel Card.

Step-up provisions allow adult riders presenting a standard Supertransfer to pay an additional 60 cents for the same all-day riding privilege on the Culture Bus, while children and others pay an extra 30 cents.

Similarly, adult riders with a Monthly Pass pay an additional \$1 for a Culture Bus Supertransfer, while seniors are asked for an extra 50 cents. These same amounts are also required of riders presenting a valid standard transfer.

The increase is necessary because of the premium service being offered. In providing direct service between museums and other cultural attractions, Culture Bus functions like cer-

tain express bus and train routes that currently require a surcharge fare.

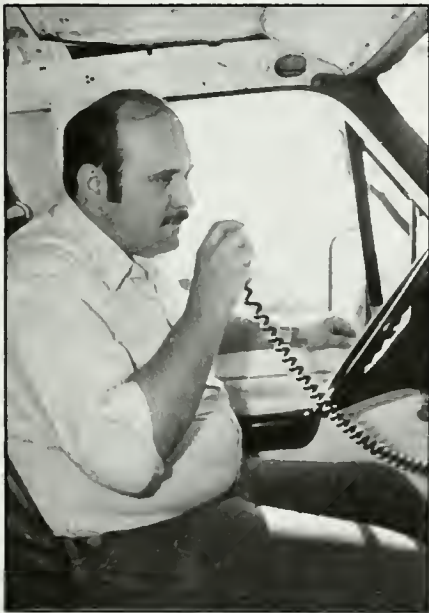
In addition, Culture Bus riders receive printed flyers and picture guides produced by the Public Affairs Department to provide information about cultural stops, their hours of operation and admission charges. The literature includes schedules of the times buses leave each stop and identifies attractions, such as the Sears Tower Skydeck and John Hancock Center Observatory, where discounts are offered to persons showing a Culture Bus Supertransfer.

Above all, there is the professional touch provided by the volunteer commentator aboard each bus. Using a built-in public address system, the commentator tells riders historic and other information about points of interest along the routes with the aid of a script prepared by Public Affairs.

CTA workers rescue youth from Garfield Park lagoon

Something more than routine is what you would have to call the first stop of the day on Friday, March 23, for electricians Ray King Jr. and Harry Walter. The two night shift employees had just left West Shops in their Building and Wiring Maintenance van when they noticed three youngsters playing on the ice in the Garfield Park lagoon.

As they passed nearby, they saw two of the boys jump to shore as the ice began to break up beneath them. The third and bigger boy didn't make it, and fell into the frigid water. With that, King picked up his radio-telephone and called the Control Center.



Ray C. King calls Control Center requesting rescue assistance for a youth in icy waters at Garfield Park.

Help was on the way, but the question was, would it come soon enough to save the youth, who apparently could not swim?

Instinctively, King drove the van across the park and as close as he could get to the lagoon. He and Walter then jumped out and pulled



Harry Walter takes a ladder from atop his maintenance truck to rescue a 12-year old boy from the Garfield Park lagoon.

two 20 foot ladders from a rack on the roof.

After calling to the youth to hold on to the ice floe, King inched himself out along one of the ladders that he and Walter had pushed across part of the floating ice. As he worked his way closer, King kept reassuring the youth, who was still some distance away.

By that time firemen from Truck 26 had arrived and were able to use their own longer ladders to complete the rescue. In the process, King and two of the firemen themselves fell into the lagoon.

The 12-year-old boy was taken to St. Anne's Hospital, where he was treated for exposure. Fortunately, he was none the worse for the ordeal other than being cold and scared.

King got an early break on his night shift so he could go home and change into dry clothes. For King, 33, it was the kind of experience he couldn't have anticipated when he joined CTA only a year earlier. Walter, 40, has been on the job five months less.

Facilities and Engineering Maintenance Manager Tom Wolgemuth said, "In dealing with the public, CTA is constantly concerned about safety. What these men did was to extend this concern on a direct personal basis and at considerable risk to themselves. Their quick response reflects great credit on themselves and on CTA."

Submit retirement applications early

If you're planning to retire soon your application should be submitted to the Pension Section not later than the 14th day of the month preceeding the effective date of your retirement.

As an example, an employee planning to retire August 1, 1984, should have an application on file with the secretary's office on or before July 14, 1984. Applications should be obtained from the individual's department.

If you work in: You should see:

Transportation	Walter Lemons, Ext. 4136 Fred Jones, Ext. 4128 Rm. 760 - Mart
Plant Maintenance (West Shops)	Mike Rickson 3900 W. Maypole 722-6700 Ext. 504
Rail & Surfaces Janitors	Leonard Beatty Madison & Wabash 263-4434 Ext. 2274
Vehicle Maintenance (South Shops)	Eddie Evans 7801 S. Vincennes 874-7100 Ext. 303
Surface Janitors	Harold Berndt 3900 W. Maypole 722-6700 Ext. 408
Operations Planning	Ruth Havlik Rm. 700 - Mart Ext. 4011
Accounts Receivable	John Cannon Rm. 714 - Mart Ext. 4515
Personnel/ Area 605	Mary Beth Hurley Rm. 742 - Mart Ext. 3476
Rail Vehicle Maintenance (Skokie Shops)	Lynn Bretz 3701 Oakton 973-3280

(New personnel have been designated in some cases to handle retirement applications for their departments since the listing published in January. The new designees are listed in italics.)



Chicago chapter members, Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) meet for lunch at Catfish Digby's where they were part of a financial planning and investment seminar conducted by Ms. R. J. Quinn, financial planner/investment advisor. Standing are Ernestine Flient, Capital Development, a member of the COMTO education committee, seminar sponsors; Ms. Quinn; Betty Edwards, Community Relations, president, COMTO, Chicago chapter; and Celso Castellanos, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance, COMTO executive committee member. Seated (from left) are Anita Curtis, Human Resources, executive committee member; Anna DelRivero, Labor Relations, and Nidia Rodriguez, Financial Services.

Hold financial planning seminar for COMTO members

CTA/RTA employees associated with the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, Chicago chapter, joined other members of the Chicago business community as participants in a financial planning and investment seminar March 24.

The seminar, held at Catfish Digby's Restaurant, was conducted by Ms. R.J. Quinn, financial planner/investment advisor for Wardell and Reed Associates, who gave insight into comprehensive financial and tax planning as well as retirement and employee benefit plans, and risk management strategies. Participants also received a prospectus on investment analysis.

The seminar was sponsored by COMTO's education committee, Fred G. King, chairman. Other members of the committee are Diane Mitchell, Operations Planning; Maria Martinez, Law/Claims; Ernestine Flient, Capital

Development, and Ella Otis, Internal Auditing.

Ms. Quinn is a registered investment advisor, and a member of the Institute of Certified Financial Planners, the National Association of Security Dealers, and the International Association of Financial Planners.

Officers of the Chicago Chapter of COMTO are Betty Edwards, president; Ernest Sawyer, vice president; Marjorie Holmes, secretary, and Charles E. Marble, treasurer.

G.O. credit union sets annual meeting

The CTA General Office Federal Credit Union, located at the Merchandise Mart, will hold its annual meeting to elect officers and make financial reports on Friday, June 29, in the CTA cafeteria at the Mart.

Herbert Schomer, Credit Union treasurer/manager, said the meeting is set for 5 p.m. Box dinners will be available, and door prizes will be awarded.



Law for Today

Q. I co-signed a bank note for a friend who demonstrated his friendship by skipping town and leaving me to pay the obligation of \$2,300. How can I legally recover this debt from my friend?

A. The borrower who defaults on a loan is liable for reimbursing a person who co-signed at his or her request. In cases where reimbursement is not voluntary, the co-signer should seek legal representation to obtain a judgment against the borrower for the amount owed. It may then be possible to make a claim against the borrower's wages or property.

- Illinois State Bar Association

Q. My husband is supporting a 16-year-old son from a prior marriage. Will he have to continue paying support until the boy is 18 even if he is out of school and working or in the Armed Forces?

A. No. Child support payments may normally be stopped before a child reaches majority (18 years old) if that child has become self-supporting or has been legally emancipated.

- Illinois State Bar Association

Q. We've owned some property in the country for several years. We'd intended to build on it, but the tight money situation makes that difficult. Instead, we've decided to move a house trailer onto the lot and fix it up like a permanent home. The only hitch is that the zoning board says "no." Doesn't a family have the right to have the home it wishes on its own land?

A. It does, as long as that home conforms to the zoning laws of the community.

- Illinois State Bar Association

Casey is back, models flying high

When a myriad of physical problems began to take their toll on Casimir (Casey) Strzynski three years ago, the South Shops machinist, then 57-years old, retired on disability.

The CTA veteran of 35 years service enjoyed his job, and he was very active in two radio controlled model airplane clubs, and their competitive flying events. Thus, becoming a disability pensioner was the last thing he had planned for his future.

Life had been so full for Casey, but now it was as though a light was clicked off as his multiple physical problems closed in to cast a pall over his hopes for a brighter future in retirement.

However, a bit more in the pink these days, Casey has returned to his love of being a model aircraft hobbyist. "Mike Stroden, the CTA's employee assistance coordinator, was one of those whose efforts on my behalf kept me out of the 'friendly confines' of the old rocking chair and helped me regain most of my health--and my life," Casey said.

Strzynski's wife, family and friends provided him with the love and supportive interest which carried him through those initial months of being on disability. "You could say I was in pretty bad shape," Casey recalls. "Without the love of my family and friends, I don't want to think about what would have happened."

When he regained most of his health he returned to his hobby. "It



Casimir (Casey) Strzynski works on fuselage of radio controlled model of World War II Gen. Jimmy Doolittle's bomber in his home workshop.



Minnow pylon racer captured the "Best of Show" award at this year's Model Aviation Academy competition which drew 60 entries to the Chicago Ridge Mall. Casey's entry goes more than 100 m.p.h.

was very slow going at first, but I kept working at making model planes. At first I made silly mistakes, started over, made more mistakes, and began again until I got the job right," Casey said.

Friends from his model plane flying clubs drove by and began taking him to club meetings when he felt stronger. Now he feels good enough to go to fly-

ing competitions where he sits and answers inquiries about his favorite sport.

"I get a big kick from answering questions about model plane building and flying from boys and girls. I want them to get into this fine sport which they can actually control from the drawing board to the final competition. I started building \$4 models at 17. They cost a lot more now, but planes, the engines, and most of all the judged competitions are more wonderful, to say nothing of fresh air, sunshine, and good friends," he said.

For additional information about building and flying radio controlled model airplanes, contact Casimir Strzynski, 5331 S. Francisco Ave., Chicago, IL 60632.

"Just because I'm on disability pension doesn't mean I'm not flying high--with my model planes," Casey quipped.

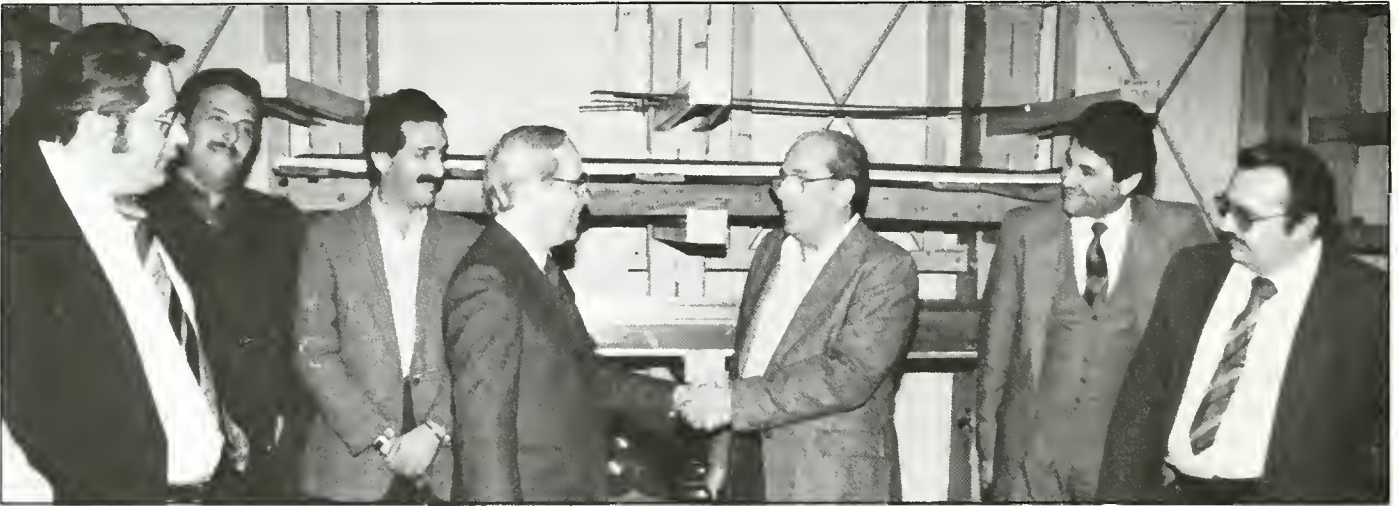


Casey proudly shows off his Doolittle bomber model at recent model competition and show. His gasoline powered bomber, which has a five-foot wingspan, was judged "Best of Show" held in Orland Square Mall.



Gull wing Stinson model of late 1930s plane by Casey has seven-foot-long wing removed. Next to it is the "Best of Show" trophy this model won. Model planes weight about six or seven pounds.

Retirement celebration honors Skokie warehouse supervisor



Congratulations all around were for Nick LaCorcia (third from left), unit supervisor at Skokie Warehouse 42, Stores Department, who retired March 1 after 38 years of CTA service. Well wishers were (from left), Jim Zazula, supervisor, Stores North; Matthew Rago, procurement analyst; LaCorcia, accepting a fond farewell from Ed Tobin, Manager, Materials Management; Nick LaCorcia's sons, Bert, and Nick, and Bill Roman, director, Stores.

Some 200 family, friends, and special guests attended a retirement party at Skokie Warehouse 42 in honor of Unit Supervisor Nick LaCorcia who joined other CTA pensioners March 1 after 38 years of service.

LaCorcia began his CTA career in 1946 as a laborer in the Stores Department at West Shops following his discharge from service with the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne, Screaming Eagle Division. His military service in-

cluded participation in the Allied Forces' D-Day invasion of Europe on June 6, 1944.

In 1947 he was promoted to stock clerk I, and 11 years later was transferred to Storeroom 42 where he remained until his retirement. There he was promoted to stock clerk 2 in 1969, and in 1974, he was named senior storekeeper. His elevation to unit supervisor came on June 14, 1981.

A career highlight for LaCorcia was

the enormous savings for CTA of \$90,000 in 1981, which was realized when LaCorcia correctly identified an error in a vendor price list. Then Group Manager Larry Pianto, Materials Management, penned a letter of commendation to the unit supervisor for his dedication to service which greatly benefitted CTA.

Five years earlier, LaCorcia had been nominated for the Superior Public Service Award which is sponsored by the City of Chicago.



Farewell Friends

The mock headline proclaims the happy event for Gordon Balazs, area superintendent, Bus Service, who retired March 1 after 37 years of service. Gordie's Transportation Department co-workers feted him with an open house in honor of the occasion.



Traffic checker retires

Traffic Checker Samuel Highsmith (left) accepts his retirement packet from Norman Oswald, director, Schedules. Highsmith, a 27-year employee, started with CTA as a bus operator in December, 1957. He joined the Schedules section as a traffic checker in December, 1978. He and his family will reside in their Near North Side home.

Retiree observes 99th birthday



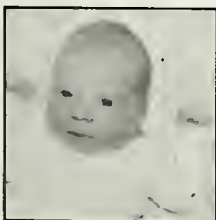
Tom Murphy, a CTA pensioner for 31 years, observed his 99th birthday on April 16.

A conductor for 43 years, Murphy was assigned to Kedzie barn when he retired in 1953. He and his wife, Jane moved to Thousand Oaks, California where he still resides.

Ms. Vita M. Sloyan, Murphy's daughter, also of Thousand Oaks, said her father is in good health and keeps busy by tending his garden. His six great grandchildren, celebrating St. Patrick's Day, and keeping up with the Notre Dame Fighting Irish are also sources of joy for him.



Twin boys, Matthew Edward, and Ronald Vernon Williams, were born to car servicer Herbert and Debra Williams, March 17 at Augustana Hospital. The boys each weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces, and measured 21 inches in length. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are also the parents of three other children; Kristian, 11; Tyrone, 8, and Herbert, Jr., 19 months.



Transportation Clerk Helmut Stankevicius, North Avenue Garage, and his wife, Linda, are the parents of a son born January 28, 1984. The baby, William Anthony, was born at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital and weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Service anniversaries in April

40 Years



Carmella Petrella,
Payroll Acctg.

35 Years

Cornelius Gillespie, Mech. Maint.

25 Years

Eugene Caldwell, North Park
Robert Cowan, North Avenue
William Fisher, 77th Street
Joseph Flynn, Mech. Maint.
James Hurst, Mech. Maint.
Fred Jones, Admin. Svcs.
Henry Martin, 77th Street
Robert Potrzeba, Howard/Kimball
Willie Robinson, 77th Street
Karel Sloomans Jr., Elec. Eng. & Maint.
Booker Thomason, 69th Street

New Pensioners

SHERMAN ADAMS, Bus Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 11-16-53
DAVID BOURNE, Ticket Agent,
63rd/Ashland, Emp. 10-8-56
RUFUS BOYD, Bus Operator,
Limits, Emp. 8-13-53
ROBERT CHAMBERS, Control Center,
Transportation, Emp. 8-25-55
HELEN DOHERTY, Steno. V.,
South Shops, Emp. 6-9-47
ANDREW GRABOWSKI, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 10-8-53
EDWARD GRAETZ, Yard Foreman,
Kimball, Emp. 12-18-45
LEROY HAGEN, Frmn, Elec. Wrks.,
South Shops, Emp. 3-4-42
MARIE HAVLIK, General Clerk,
West Shops, Emp. 8-24-43
EUGENE HENDREE, Painter,
West Shops, Emp. 10-25-51
MARY HENDRICKSON, Clerk III,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 6-6-57
PATRICK HOEY, Machinist,
West Shops, Emp. 6-11-46
HENRY KOHLER, Instructor,
77th Street, Emp. 3-3-50
ANDREW LEE, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-11-55
DARRELD MERCURE, Car Repairman,
Kimball, Emp. 10-8-53
LAWRENCE PAGE, Clerk,
69th Street, Emp. 2-5-53
RONALD ROY, Supervisor,
North Avenue, Emp. 1-24-46

AUGUST SAN FILIPPO, Bus Repairer,
Forest Glen, Emp. 3-2-54
HERMAN SEMON, Carpenter,
West Shops, Emp. 8-23-45
JOHN THUROW, Money Handler,
South Shops, Emp. 2-16-46
***ARTHUR WILLIAMS Jr.,** Janitor,
West Shops, Emp. 7-26-56
CHARLES S. L. WILLIAMS, Bus Servicer,
69th Street, Emp. 6-6-57

Disability Retirements

EDWARD CONNER, Conductor,
54th Street, Emp. 1-6-69
EDDIE GRIFFIN, Bus Operator,
Limits, Emp. 1-6-69
CHARLIE MOORE, Yard Foreman,
West Section, Emp. 11-24-50

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HERMAN AMBOS, 77, North Park,
Emp. 11-26-42, Died 2-7-84
CHARLES BAKER, 91, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-24-13, Died 2-4-84
HUGH BARNES, 72, North Section,
Emp. 10-16-45, Died 2-4-84
ERVIN BREST, 71, Archer,
Emp. 8-8-41, Died 2-6-84
ERNEST BUERGERMEIER, 72, Archer,
Emp. 12-21-36, Died 2-14-84
HARRY CARTER, 63, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-24-51, Died 2-6-84
CARLO DISPETTO, 76, Engineering,
Emp. 8-22-29, Died 2-4-84
PATRICK DOHERTY, 79, North Park,
Emp. 9-9-42, Died 1-26-84
FELIX DUNNE, 71, Engineering,
Emp. 6-25-48, Died 2-8-84
HAROLD ERICKSON, 81, Forest Glen,
Emp. 6-4-24, Died 2-7-84
RUDOLPH GAMPERL, 80, Engineering,
Emp. 8-31-45, Died 2-15-84
JOHN GLEASON, 87, West Section,
Emp. 8-28-23, Died 10-11-83
ARTHUR HABICH, 73, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-25-48, Died 2-4-84
JAMES HERRON, 69, Forest Glen,
Emp. 9-18-45, Died 2-1-84
LEROY KIRCHOFF, 84, Purchasing,
Emp. 2-3-36, Died 2-8-84
GEORGE KULLOWITSCH, 85, West Shops,
Emp. 8-12-36, Died 2-6-84
SAM LUCCHESI, 79, Engineering,
Emp. 3-11-25, Died 2-12-84
JOHN O'DONNELL, 83, Kimball,
Emp. 5-8-23, Died 2-10-84
JOHN O'SULLIVAN, 85, Forest Glen,
Emp. 12-28-65, Died 2-27-84
EDWARD PSIODA, 68, Plant Maint.,
Emp. 3-25-36, Died 2-9-84
KENNETH RUEHLMANN, 67, North Section,
Emp. 12-3-45, Died 2-28-84
EDWARD SEGERSON, 74, West Section,
Emp. 8-27-42, Died 2-22-84
ALBERT STAHL, 93, West Shops,
Emp. 5-6-29, Died 2-9-84
RUSSELL STROHACKER, 61, District B,
Emp. 4-22-46, Died 2-16-84
WILLIAM WHITE, 85, Const. & Maint.,
Emp. 6-25-20, Died 2-17-84



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Raising their glasses in a toast of appreciation to the honorees are (from left) Elonzo Hill, director, Training/ Instruction; State Senator

Testimonial for excellence is a celebration of pride

Charles Chew, Jr., Harry Reddick, deputy executive director, Operations and John Weatherspoon, president, Amalgamated Transit Union 241.

More than 1,050 CTA operating employees were honored in a "celebration of pride" at McCormick Place Saturday, May 12 in recognition of excellence in public service to the people of Chicago.

The honorees were CTA workers whose records of service in 1983 demonstrated outstanding performance. Among them were outstanding line instructors, Employee Safety/Performance Program team leaders, Third Rail Roundup/Bus Rodeo contestants, "Day in CTA" honorees, and million milers. Recipients included employees recently retired in 1984.

The honored employees and their guests filled Halas Mall to capacity where they were greeted enthusiastically by Deputy Executive Director, Operations, Harry Reddick,

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Testimonial for excellence (continued from page 1)



State Senator Charles Chew, Jr. prepares to read Governor James Thompson's proclamation of "CTA Striving for Excellence Day in Illinois" as Harry Reddick, deputy executive director, Operations, registers approval.

State of Illinois Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Strive for Excellence Testimonial is designed to be a celebration of pride in the CTA's contribution to excellence in public service; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 employees will be honored at this event for their dedication to public service and superior professional performance; and

WHEREAS, categories of competition stressed dependability, team work, employee and passenger safety and an established record of outstanding achievement;

THEREFORE, I, James R. Thompson, Governor of the State of Illinois, proclaim May 12, 1984, as CTA STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE DAY in Illinois, in recognition of these employees' special efforts that benefit the thousands of people served by the CTA.



Illinois' Lottery spokesman David Green gives thumbs up for a special group of winners — those honored because they were striving for excellence, as he sits at the piano keyboard in Halas Mall.

and Director of Training/Instruction Elonzo Hill. Highlights of the evening were a toast to employees for a job well done, a prime rib dinner and other refreshments, followed by entertainment by CTA employees and the "Grand Staff," a local band which also provided dance music.

It was the first time in the history of CTA that so many employees have been honored in a single setting. Reddick told the audience, "You can be proud of your enviable reputation in the mass transit industry as an innovator and a leader in the field. We're proud of you."

"CTA is one of the very few mass transit properties in North America which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year.

"We enjoy one of the lowest accident frequency rates among North American mass transit properties serving population centers of over a million people. Since 1981, CTA has beaten its own superb safety record by establishing



Providing music for dancing as well as entertainment is the Grand Staff. The popular Chicago band has performed at such events as Chicago Fest.

new low accident frequency rates.

"Although it is the single-minded goal of all CTA employees to provide safe, efficient, dependable transit service to the people of Chicago, it is our operating and station employees who most positively contribute to the realization of this goal."

Governor James R. Thompson proclaimed the day "CTA Strive for Excellence Day" in recognition of CTA employees' special efforts benefitting its riders. The proclamation was read by State Senator Charles Chew on behalf of the governor who could not be present.

Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241 President John Weatherspoon also presented his accolades as he told fellow transit workers, "To be honored is one of the highest tributes that can be paid to anyone."

"Your outstanding contributions mark you as truly dedicated in the best tradition of transit workers. Your deeds speak for you far better than anything we can ever say. You are a strong force for progressive, efficient public service."

"We are grateful to you for the service you have performed, and we are proud of this opportunity to honor you for your achievements; for there is no doubt that men and women of your ability are destined for even greater accomplishments and higher service. Congratulations."



Transportation Department personnel were on hand to greet the Striving for Excellence honorees and to distribute their recognition award packets as they arrived for the banquet at McCormick Place Halas Hall.

Reddrick called for a moment of silence in honor of bus operators Cecil Wyre, Forest Glen Garage, who died August 26, 1983 and Charles Berry, 77th Street Garage, who died December 26, 1983. Both men were included among CTA honorees as members of the Million Mile Club.

The late Mr. Wyre was represented at the Striving for Excellence testimonial by his son, William. Representing Mr. Berry was his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Berry. A memorial page in the evening's program noted, "As career public service employees, they provided the ultimate in safe transit to the people of metropolitan Chicago — a combined total of more than 2,000,000 accident free miles of bus operation. — The legacy they leave with us will continue to inspire us for many years to come."

Following this observance, guests stood to raise glasses in a toast to all of the honorees representing all 10 bus garages, rail terminals and ticket agents. The Striving for Excellence testimonial was underwritten by the CTA Employee Welfare Fund, and each of the bus credit unions, as well as ATU Local 241.

Kedzie garage dedication set for June 29

The CTA's new \$17.6 million Kedzie bus garage on Chicago's West Side will be dedicated on June 29.

The 321,000 square foot garage is on an 8.2 acre site bounded by Kedzie avenue, Jackson boulevard, Van Buren street, and Spaulding avenue. It replaces a former garage built on the same site in 1910 by the Chicago City Railways company, a CTA predecessor.

The new building has indoor parking for up to 250 buses, complete maintenance and parts storage facilities, drive-through bus washers and all other functions necessary for servicing buses. The facility also has an 80,000 gallon underground diesel fuel storage system. Transportation Department offices also are in the new garage.

Personnel and equipment housed in the old garage were shifted to other garages in October, 1981, when construction started.

From the Chairman

Striving for Excellence

Months ago, the Training and Instruction section of CTA Operations began implementing new programs designed to help operating employees sharpen their skills and improve their performance. Gradually at first, then more quickly, their efforts began to have a marked effect on our service, as employees showed growing concern for their personal success and the success of CTA.

During that time, the Bus Rodeo increased in popularity, and the Third Rail Roundup became the first rail operating employees' competition in the transit industry. The Employees Safety/Performance Program brought the spirit of friendly competition and exemplary performance to our daily operations, and programs like the Million Mile Club and Day in CTA continued to prosper. By setting new operations safety records and treating riders courteously, our employees demonstrated that they would settle for nothing less than making CTA the nation's best transit system.

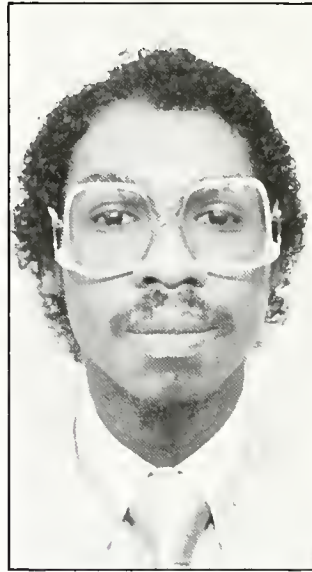
Inspiring the many individual accomplishments, and uniting employees in a spirit of cooperative improvement, is the Training and Instruction motto "Striving for Excellence." More than one thousand shared honors on May 12, as CTA recognized its most accomplished operating employees at its first "Striving for Excellence" Testimonial. My fellow Board members and I congratulate all of you for distinguishing yourselves through hard work and dedication during the past year. We appreciate your efforts, and we are delighted that all of you could receive public recognition through this testimonial.

Moreover, I believe that the spirit and accomplishments of "Striving for Excellence" should serve as examples for all CTA employees. If each employee in every department strives to perform his or her job as well as possible, and cooperates with other employees to help them reach their full potential, we can continue to improve CTA service, operate more efficiently, and provide the people of Chicago with a transit system that will continue to be a source of civic pride for years to come.

Michael Randell

Commendation Corner

Frank Buscemi (Forest Glen garage) was commended by Eileen O'Brien, of Waveland Avenue, for the way he operated a No. 152 Addison bus. "It was the first time in a long time that I observed a driver who did his job with pride, patience and persistence. He did not let non-paying kids pile on at the back of the bus. He persisted until those who crowded the front of the bus moved to the back so that those waiting outside could board. If all buses were run in this manner, the RTA would be solvent and would regain the respect of its riders."



Albert Moore (North Section) is "an employee of whom you should be most proud," according to Michelle Uhler, who works on LaSalle Street. "I was privileged to be on his (Howard) train. This young man obviously takes pride in his job. He does not merely announce stops, he puts a little extra effort and care into his job, which shows him to be an extraordinary employee. It is difficult to be cheerful in the morning, so it is a credit to him that he obviously goes above and beyond the normal job demands in the way he performs his tasks. My trip on his train was delightful."

Corine Glaspie (West Section) was complimented by June Berweiler, of North Keystone Avenue, for her performance as a ticket agent at Irving Park on the Congress-Douglas-O'Hare line. "I think she's the nicest employee you've got. She's so cheerful! People can be so crabby--so can I--if they've been standing in a long line during morning rush. But when you go through her turnstile, you forget that when she's on duty. She's the best part of the train ride into the Loop. Sometimes she's the best part of the day."

Maria Acevedo (North Section) was praised by Kathleen Hynds, of Milwaukee, for her helpfulness as a ticket agent at Davis Street in Evanston. "I know very little about Chicago's transit system. Returning from visiting a friend at Northwestern University, I had planned to take a train into Chicago and back out to Mt. Prospect to meet my ride back to Milwaukee, but she rerouted me by bus to DesPlaines, where I could catch the train right across the street from the end of the line. This saved a lot of time, some money, and much aggravation. She really saved my night."

Sefton Williamson (North Park garage) was the operator of a No. 22 Clark bus ridden by Marguerite Giuntoli, of Sandburg Terrace. "He operated the vehicle in a competent, careful and professional manner on a day with hazardous road conditions. He approached stops slowly and carefully, and brought the bus to the curb when possible. With dignity, patience and cheerfulness, he answered everyone's transportation questions, and cautioned senior citizens when necessary. It is a pleasure to observe such a conscientious public servant."

Willie Turner (77th Street garage) was operating a No. 14 South Lake Shore Express bus ridden by Drelis Fajah, of Jeffery Boulevard, "when the car ahead of the bus stopped abruptly because its hood flew up. There was absolutely no chance to stop the bus, and no way to move into another lane because of the heavy traffic. But somehow, this alert driver was able to maneuver the bus around the car by driving onto the grassy park area off the Outer Drive. I believe this driver's quick thinking and skillful driving saved lives and avoided serious injuries."

Joseph Gale (Forest Glen garage) is appreciated by Aaron Fields, of South May Street, who was a rider on his No. 81 Lawrence bus. "I've been using CTA for 35 years, and I think he is the most courteous driver I've ever had the pleasure of meeting. I notice during inclement weather he'll have more patience, especially with the elderly or handicapped. I've seen him wait for passengers running in the middle of the block. He knows most of his regular riders. He greets each one with a smile and friendly hello. He's a wonderful employee. I'd recommend him for 'The Driver of the Year.'"

Philip Buscemi (North Section) was the conductor on an Evanston Express train ridden by Jan Quigley, of Evanston. "I feel he should be recognized for his consistently superb job performance and attitude. Not only is he extremely careful and efficient in the way he performs his responsibilities, but he also deals brilliantly with all types of people, and goes out of his way to make sure his passengers are content. He makes so many people smile or laugh each day--even if it's a lousy day--or the el is crowded or delayed. He is a definite asset to your company."

Heroics earn honors on "A Day in CTA"

The alertness of CTA District "B" Supervisor Howard Freeman resulted in the recent escape of 12 people from a burning building at 5508 South Lowe Avenue.

Freeman was checking for a possible reroute when he saw the fire. He awakened the building's occupants which enabled them to flee to safety. Freeman also contacted the control center so firemen could be notified.

His heroic conduct earned him special recognition on "A Day in CTA." Similarly honored for a life saving action was foot collector John Pelt whose personal involvement persuaded a man to get off the tracks at Ashland Terminal. Pelt's coaxing is believed to have averted death or injury to the man as well as a serious interruption to rail service for riders.

The coveted "Day in CTA" honor was also bestowed upon North Rail District Supervisor John Gorman, and bus operator Joe Fox of Beverly Garage.



Bus Controller Curtis C. McEwen gives "Day in CTA" honorees an overview of service for operating personnel provided by control center personnel. Honorees on tour of the control center are (from left) John Gorman, supervisor, North Rail District; John Pelt, foot collector, South Section; Howard Freeman, supervisor, District B, and Joe Fox, bus operator, Beverly Garage.

Gorman earned the special recognition after he notified his superintendent of the unusual noise coming from the rear of a six car train which was southbound as it pulled out of the Fullerton station. A quick check of the last car revealed a broken axle. The car was removed from service for maintenance.

Meanwhile, a bus which had been stolen from the 77th Street Garage was observed unattended in the 9900 block of South Halsted Street by operator Joe Fox as he drove the 8A Halsted route. Fox contacted the control center which led to the prompt recovery of valuable CTA property.

Thanks for a job well done

Employees who have received commendations from the public.

Arvin Austin, North Avenue

Henry Barker, 69th Street

Harvey Beale Jr., Limits

Ivory Beattie, Archer

Louis Berry, North Avenue

Rudolph Blakemore, North Avenue

Charlotte Brent, North Section

Philip Buscemi, Howard/Kimball

Witherspoon Carr, 77th Street

Carlotta Carter, 77th Street

Ray Carter, Limits

Bennie Davis, Douglas/Congress

Javier DeLaRosa, North Park

Casper Elder Jr., Ashland

Virginia Enriquez, Archer

James Estes, Forest Glen

Kenneth Freeman, North Section

Gerardo Gonzalez, Limits

Wallacene Good, Forest Glen

Albert Grady, 77th Street

George Grafer, Forest Glen

William Gross, North Avenue

Eldred Hall, North Park

Lawrence Hart, North Avenue

Cornelius Haywood, Limits

Rosemary Hoskins, North Park

George Hudson Jr., 77th Street

Joe Hunter, 69th Street

Rosa Irizarry, Forest Glen

Willie James, North Park

Arthur James Jr., Forest Glen

Walter Jentsch, North Park

Eddie Johnson, 77th Street

Edward Jolley, 77th Street

Bernardino Juarez, Limits

Robert Kremer, North Park

Nathaniel Lee Jr., Ashland

Valray McIntosh, 77th Street

Luis Montalvo, North Park

Timothy Mulvey, Beverly

Chester Olenski, North Park

Juan Paladines, Archer

Demetrel Parker, 69th Street

Daniel Pate, Beverly

Frederick Pepke, Limits

Eduardo Pescatore, Forest Glen

Alvin Polowczyk, Forest Glen

Billy Ragsdale, 77th Street

Annie Rice, Limits

Peggy Robinson, Archer

Ollie Rodgers Jr., Beverly

Yakup Sabanoff, North Park

William Sanders, Archer

Edwin Serrano, West Section

Verleen Smith, Archer

Terry Smoczynski, Forest Glen

Frank Staszak, Limits

Angelo Sturino, Howard/Kimball

William Suggs, Douglas/Congress

Ceola Williams, Archer

Abner Williams Jr., Limits

Gerald Williams, South Section

Kazimer Yaworski, Forest Glen

Jacques Yezeguelian, North Avenue

Charles Young, Jefferson Park

Joseph Zukerman, North Park

Culture bus visits printer's row on west route

CTA's Culture Bus has long been known for the educational, economical, and convenient service it offers to our city's major cultural attractions. Now the Culture Bus can take credit for bringing into public view an exhibit that's sure to interest a wide range of Culture Bus riders.

Dorothy Martin, of Old Town, was riding the Culture Bus not long ago when she noticed in the literature that West Route buses stopped at the Printers Row Museum. This was the



Printers Row Museum volunteer Pam Brown shows Dorothy Martin samples of the metal letters kept in a California type case for use in printing orders on hand-set presses, following a practice that dates back to Gutenberg.

first she knew of the museum, and she couldn't wait to see it.

Mrs. Martin's late husband, Gordon, was an illustrator and typographer. He taught visual education, design and typography at the Illinois Institute of Technology, and even started a fine printing business of his own.

When he died in 1970, he left behind a collection of several dozen posters and playbills from the 18th and 19th Centuries, including a number of advertising excursions by rail and steamship from Chicago.

"It was just like coming home," Mrs. Martin said of her first look inside the



Viewing some of the 44 posters, playbills and newspaper front pages on display at the Printers Row Museum, 715 S. Dearborn, are Pam Brown (left), a volunteer guide, and Dorothy Martin, whose late husband assembled the collection.

museum, at 715 South Dearborn, in the Printers Row district. "I had been looking for years for an appropriate place to display Gordon's collection, and right away I knew this was it."

The museum is filled with century-old hand presses, linotype machines, and other antique printing equipment. The equipment is maintained by volunteers, who use it to print custom orders for cards, stationery, posters, and other specialized items.

The museum was established by Les Feller, a food scientist with a major corporation, who obtained the

storefront space to house his fast-growing collection of printing equipment four years ago.

The neighborhood surrounding the museum was once the center of Chicago's printing industry, and got its biggest boost from the mail order houses that sprang up after the Fire of 1871. The mail order catalogs required a steady production of advertising artwork that kept printers busy.

Today this South Loop area has undergone a rebirth, with the establishment of the residential community of Dearborn Park on rail yards that once led into Dearborn Station, and the conversion of a number of loft buildings and printing plants into rental and condominium apartment complexes.

The century-old Dearborn Station itself has been preserved as the focal point of the district, while new restaurants and pubs have opened to serve the urban pioneers again settling in the area.

The Printers Row Museum stands as one of the few living links to the past, and to the traditions that made printing one of Chicago's greatest industries. Open from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sundays; 10 to 4 Tuesday through Friday; and 9 to 5 on Saturdays, the Printers Row Museum is free to the public, and is the next stop after Chinatown on the West Culture bus Route.



Pam Brown (left) and Dorothy Martin view some of the 19th Century posters from the Gordon Martin collection that were used to advertise transportation by rail or ship to points around Chicago.



"The procedure is this," Mrs. Marjorie Holmes gestures as she explains to potential CTA vendors seeking information on CTA business contracts from the Affirmative Action Department manager, and CTA Materials Management staff. Shown with Holmes are Materials Management's Olivia Bradley and James Vesely, procurement analysts.

CTA represented at business opportunity fair

Members of CTA's Affirmative Action Department and Materials Management combined efforts as participants in the recent 17th annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair.

The fair, sponsored by the Chicago Regional Purchasing Council, provided an occasion for CTA and vendors of goods and services to meet and exchange needs and capabilities. More than 50 minority companies exhibited their products and services and received information on the procedures for conducting business with CTA.

Providing information on CTA procedure for vendors wishing to participate in the bidding process were Marjorie Holmes, manager, Affirmative Action; Carol Hardy, minority enterprise clerk; Loyce Ellis and James Hill, minority enterprise specialists; Olivia Bradley, James Vesely, and Eugene Fregetto, procurement analysts, and Edna Southworth, buyer.

Mrs. Holmes said Affirmative Action's primary MBE role is to identify minority business through the certification process which may include a desk audit, or an on-sight visit.

CTA employee earns YWCA appreciation



Juanita Duff, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance training coordinator, was presented the YWCA Certificate of Appreciation May 8 for outstanding volunteer service to the Loop Center YWCA during 1983-84.

The presentation was made on the occasion of the 107th annual meeting of the Metropolitan Chicago YWCA. Ms. Duff, a member of the YWCA Speaker's Bureau, has addressed religious, professional and medical groups upon request on the subject of rape awareness and prevention.

The 16-year CTA veteran has been an advocate of the YWCA's Rape and Assault Volunteer help program since 1981.

'Tommie' salutes red, white, and blue



Tomoko (Tommie) Smart sported a red, white, and blue ribboned corsage on the red jacket she wore over her white blouse which was tucked into her blue skirt.

She topped off her patriotic outfit with red, white, and blue earrings and a big smile because the date was May 31. "This is an important day for me, probably the most important date in the whole year," Ms. Smart announced.

"May 31 is the day I first entered the United States as a war bride 25 years ago. I was born in Yokahama, Japan and I attended a Catholic high school there where I learned English. I also learned key punch and got a job at a U.S. Army base," she said.

She married an American G.I. and on May 31 arrived in the United States, the occasion of her yearly observances.

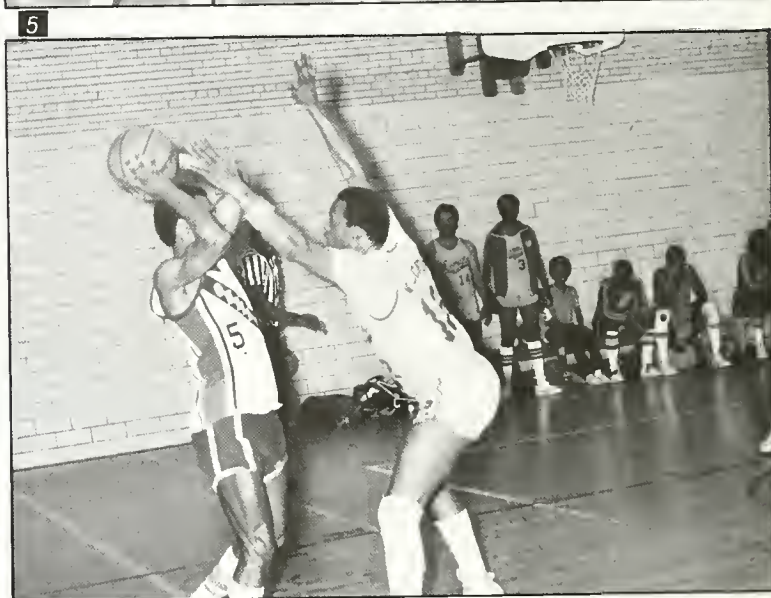
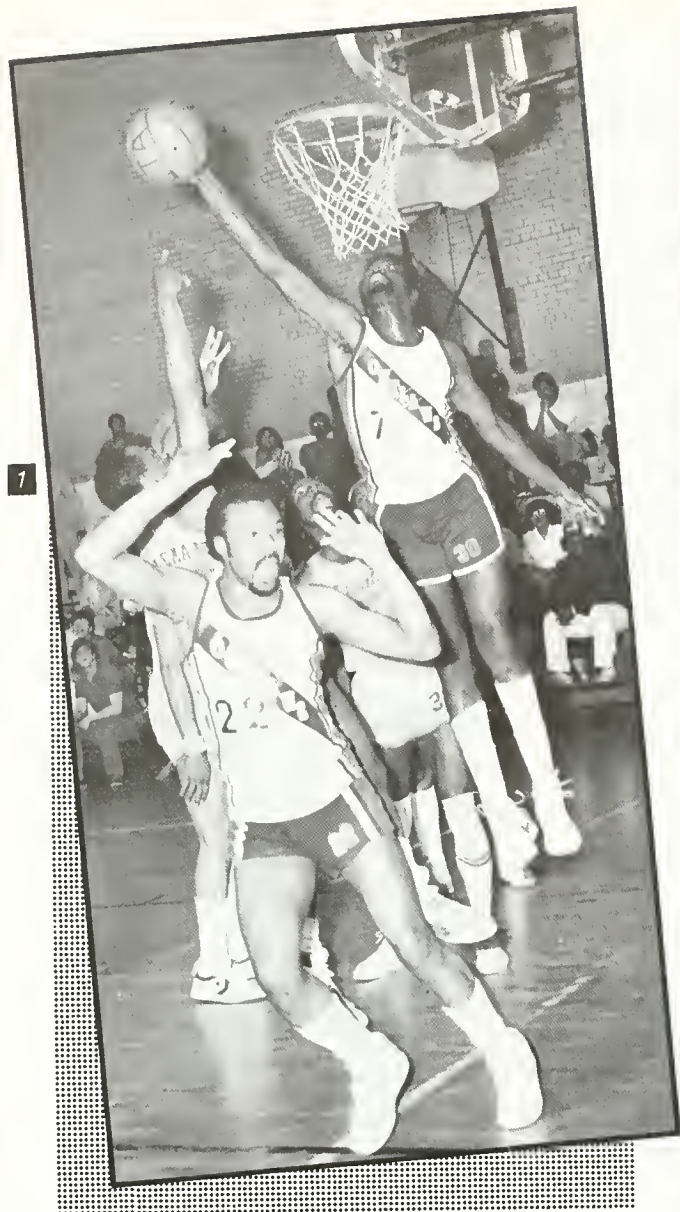
Ms. Smart lives on the far southwest side and has a son, Michael, 23, a laboratory technician, and a daughter, Michelle, 22, a lithographic production assistant.

Ms. Smart is a position control analyst in the Budget Department where friends and co-workers gave her a surprise anniversary party on May 31 in honor of the 25th anniversary of "her" day.

Later, her children had a backyard barbeque for her and 40 neighbors and friends.

She said she has returned to visit her family in Japan many times but, she grinned, "It's always great coming home."

"I'm very happy being an American. There's nothing more to say than that."



Outlaws take championship, finish s

Exhilaration was high as general office fans left Washington Park Fieldhouse May 18 after witnessing the Outlaws taking the 1984 Championship for CTA's basketball league.

The undefeated General Office Outlaws had stopped the 1983 defending champions, the Limits Lakers, 67-60. The near-squeaker victory came in a three-minute overtime period as both teams aggressively demonstrated a shootout in a fast-paced, well-played game which was full of excitement from the first whistle to the final buzzer.

The defending Lakers, led by the scoring trio of Anthony Coleman, 19 points, Eugene Tate, 12 points, and

Rick James, 11 points, made a good showing by forcing the game into overtime, but the northsiders were no match for the downtown cagers who came to play, and got down to serious business early in the game with their own scoring machine.

High point scorer John Harvey led the Outlaws with 15 points. The playmaker king, guard Michael Ewing, followed with 14 points while teammates Carl King and Bob Jenkins sunk 12 and 10 points respectively.

Finishing third for the season was Blue Thunder, coached by Will Williams of 77th Street. Thunder defeated the fourth place 77th Street Streakers 67-61. Virtually a rainbow

squad, Blue Thunder was organized after the 1984 league started, and was comprised of personnel from various CTA locations.

"We were just beginning to get it together when the season ended," said Williams. "We could have used about three more games, although we did play the full complement of 16 games by making up the ones we missed near the end of the season."

Williams said the backbone of his team was guards Tevell Simpson, Termitte Carlton, Joe Milbrook, and Russell Williams. "We look forward to next season when we try for all of it," said Williams.



son undefeated

an easy two points for Outlaw Bob Jenkins (7). Rushing up court is [unclear] (22).

Lakers' Eugene Tate (20) is unable to stop the scoring as Joe [unclear] lays up two points for the General Office Outlaws. Looking down [unclear] Bob Jenkins (7) of the Outlaws, and Wade Jones (12) of the Lakers.

Jones takes the offensive for the Lakers as he is challenged by Reggie Williams (23), and Bob Jenkins (7).

A scramble for the ball included Outlaws John Harvey (30), Morris [unclear] (1), Carl King (22), and Lakers Eugene Tate (20), Rick James (44), Anthony Coleman (35).

Ewing (5) of the Outlaws, and Wade Jones (35) of the Lakers, two best guards in the league, go one on one in the championship berth.

Lambert (left) of 77th Street drives the ball down court as Blue [unclear] opponent Odell Reed, backed by teammate Tevell Simpson, attempt to check him. Back court action includes Wallace Howard (left), [unclear] Coleman, of 77th Street.

Under the pressure on are Outlaws Sam Miller (6), and Reggie Williams. Anthony Coleman of the Lakers goes airborne in his attempt for a

Public Safety Awards

Public Safety Awards for the first quarter of 1984 were presented to 61st Street Terminal and Archer Garage.

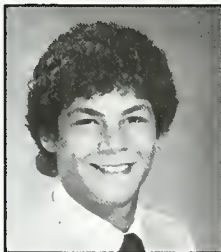
61st Street experienced only one accident and registered 90 accident free days while climbing from fifth place at the end of the fourth quarter of 1983 to the top in the first quarter of 1984. The last award won by 61st Street was for the third quarter of 1977.

Archer Garage, which has over 500 operators, has won this award 12 times since the inception of the awards in 1961. The last award presented Archer was for the second quarter of 1981.

In winning the award this time, Archer Garage experienced 30 accident free days and a passenger rate of 0.71 accidents for every 100,000 miles of operation. This rate was 42 percent better than the bus system rate of 1.2.

Cecala Jr. is named Man of Year

Holy Cross High School, River Grove, has named senior Joseph J. Cecala, Jr. its 1984 "Man of the Year." He is the son of Joseph J. Cecala, Sr., supervisor of Operations Review, Finance.



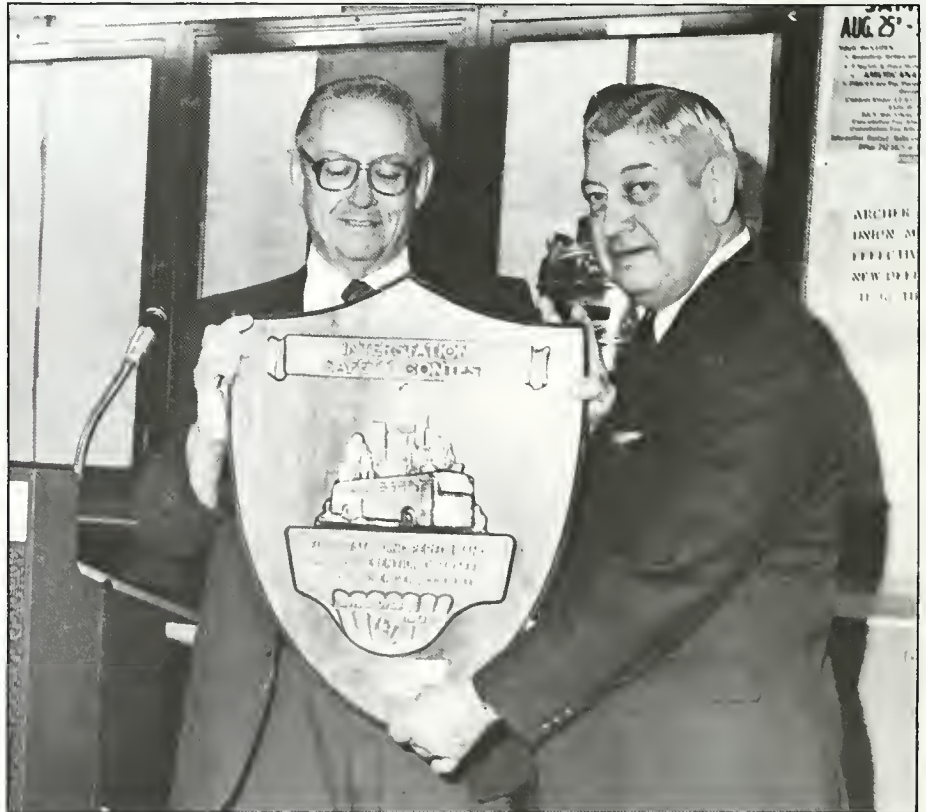
Young Cecala is president of the student council, and has been active in a variety of academic and extracurricular activities since his freshman year at Holy Cross.

An honor student, he is a member of the National Honor Society, and the Letterman's Club. He is also the recipient of the National Catholic Bandmasters Association Honors Band award, winner of the Fleet Reserve Association Essay contest, and a winner of the American Legion Scholarship award.

Cecala plans to attend Loyola University where he hopes to major in accounting, and ultimately to become an attorney.



Earning the first quarter Public Safety Award at 61st Street Terminal brought congratulations from Ardis Morris (left), superintendent, 95th Street Terminal. Morris is shown greeting David Curry, assistant superintendent, 61st Street, and Jim McClain, superintendent, 61st Street Terminal. The coveted plaque was presented by Fred Mead (right), director, System Safety Analysis/Performance.



Archer Garage Superintendent Joseph Steinbach (right), proudly accepts the first quarter 1984 Public Safety plaque from Tom Boyle, manager, Safety, during awards program at the garage. Some employees also earned door prizes.

Motorman in Mr. Prairie State contest



Flexing his muscles, Quentin Michalezewski demonstrates three poses which he used in the "Mr. Prairie State" body building competition. Judges saw his front abdominal form (top left), followed by double biceps (right), and the thinking man's pose (lower left).



Larry Bernstein (left), "Mr. America" in his weight class, presents Michalezewski (lower right) with the fifth place runner up trophy.

When westside motorman Quentin Michalezewski was first attracted to body building six years ago it didn't seem possible that he would be in competition for a trophy someday.

On May 5, however, Quentin took fifth place in his first contest, the "Mr. Prairie State" competition at Wheaton/Warrenville Middle School where he was one of 30 contestants in the over 35 and under 40 category.

His interest in body building was piqued after he read a magazine on the subject. "I wanted to meet Samir Bannout who was featured in the magazine, so I went to the west coast where not only did we meet, but he taught me proper body building techniques and all about diet, which plays a very important part in body building," said Quentin. Bannout, regarded on the west coast, as "The Lion of Lebanon," reigns as "Mr. Olympia," Quentin said.

Another of his mentors in contest preparation was John Gust, the current "Mr. Illinois," who Quentin said spent five months teaching him the correct body poses.

Because of his placement in the "Mr. Prairie State" contest, Quentin is eligible to compete in the November 3 "Mr. Illinois" contest. He said he plans to enter in the over 40 category.

A CTA employee since May 23, 1973, Quentin previously worked in public affairs, accounting and the student riding card section.



Five locations earn first place certificates



Retiring Nick Simonetti (far left), unit supervisor, Bus Shops Unit Rebuild section, can be proud of leaving a first place maintenance safety team for the next supervisor. Simonetti and his team pause for the photographer after the unit's first quarter 1984 Zero Accident Program achievement.



Maintenance personnel at 98th Street terminal continue to be competitive in the Zero Accident Program as demonstrated by this first place certificate held by car repairer Al Curtis. Rail Terminals Superintendent Richard Lorimer shares the moment. Their previous first place certificate was earned in the third quarter of 1983.



First place winner among bus garage maintenance personnel was Forest Glen. Jim Ward (left), day foreman, accepts the coveted certificate from Terry McGuigan, director, Bus Maintenance. It was the second consecutive honor in the maintenance safety program for Forest Glen which shared in the six-month lowest accident catered luncheon for its personnel in the fourth quarter of 1983.

CTA maintenance personnel at five locations were winners in the first quarter 1984 Zero Accident Program competition. Certificates of honor were awarded to the 77th Street Bus Shops, Skokie Rail Shops, Forest Glen Garage, and Kimball and 98th Street Terminals.

Winners in the Bus Shops competition included the Body, Paint, Upholstery, and Converter Shops, Shop Service, Electrical Units Rebuild, and the Machine, Radiator and Print Shops.

Skokie Shops winners were Motor Line, Vehicle Wiring, Blacksmith/Welding, Machine and Truck Shops, and the Degreasing section.



Car repairer Robert Calhoun of 98th Street Terminal makes adjustments to electrical components. Safety equipment, such as the bump hat which Calhoun wears, is second nature to repairmen and other maintenance personnel.



Superintendent, Rail Terminals Michael Vasquez (left), and Kimball day foreman Johnny Henderson were also among the happy recipients of first place ZAP certificates.



Mark Dundovich (left), Rail Shops unit supervisor, and foreman Jim House, share the pride in the section's ZAP award presented by Safety Supervisor James Dudley (right).



Check and double check is the key element here as demonstrated by Jeff Jurczyk, a safety conscious car repairer at Kimball.

Six employees and 210 years of service



Dick Schneider, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance (third from left), enjoys a moment with five South Shops personnel planning retirement beginning June 1. They are (from left) George Drey, Frank May, Nick Simonetti, Jerome Pavel, and Daniel Murphy.

A unit supervisor, two foremen, a carpenter leader and two mechanics with a collective total of 210 years CTA service, and an average of 35 years each, are bidding adieu to daily routine at South Shops June 1 as they take their pensions.

Heading the list with 43 years service each are Frank May, foreman, Brake department; and Nick Simonetti, unit supervisor, Unit Rebuild section. Others are George Drey, carpenter leader, 34 years; Jerome Pavel, foreman, Bus Overhaul section, 30 years; and bus and truck mechanics Daniel Murphy and Grady Mattison, 35 and 25 years respectively.

Simonetti said the most significant change which he and his co-workers have witnessed over the last 43 years was the transition from street cars to buses, and the consolidation of the various transportation services operating in Chicago.

"CTA is a good place to spend your life," said Drey, who added, "It can give you financial rapport which gives

you respect among creditors, and allows you to properly care for your family."

Frank May said he started with CTA at 48 cents an hour when the old horse barn was still standing, although it was only a relic. May said when he joined the CTA's predecessor, Chicago Surface Lines, his father advised him, "If you keep your mouth shut, and your ears and eyes open you will be all right. It was good advice," said May.

May who was a scouter for more than 30 years, is a little league and park district umpire in his south suburban community of Alsip where he plans to continue active in youth programs he said, "As long as the Lord will let me."

Nick Simonetti, a sculptor, will continue making figurines, and will spend the winters in Indian Shores, Fla., and the summers in Chicago. Jerry Pavel plans to enjoy the leisure of his Wisconsin summer cottage and his Chicago home.

Conservation project earns first prize

Jerry Johnson, the 14-year old son of Treasury utility clerk Judy Stroud, took first place honors in the recent Carver high school science fair.

Judges were awed by the Carver freshman's conservation project which examines the affects of microbes on decomposed garbage. The youth's award winning scientific experiment began while he was an eighth grade student at the Metcalf Magnet school last year.

Johnson's conservation project also received excellent marks at the district level science fair held at the Chicago State University in March, and an honorable mention at the city level for which he received a certificate of achievement.

He plans to continue experimenting with the project throughout his high school career in an effort to improve it, his mother said.

Congratulations from one scouter to another

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for sending me the CTA Transit News. I appreciated it very much, like to keep up with the news.

The article on page 16 about Walter Lemons Jr. being in scouting since 1948, and receiving the Silver Beaver Award: I want to give him credit for the wonderful job he has done for scouting.

Just to let you know that you have another scouter that worked for you years ago.

I have been in Scouting since 1915, this is my sixty ninth year in Scouting, also received the Silver Beaver Award on May 25, 1978.

Have been retired since December 1, 1959; still going strong.

Yours sincerely,

William Boggs Sr. (08874)
514 N. Randolph St.
Princeton, IL 61356
Vice-Chairman,
Advancement Committee,
including Board of Review

Service anniversaries in May

35 Years

Paul Venticinque, Equip. Engr./Maint.

30 Years

Frank Hubbard, Adm. Services
Otis Hynson, Schedules
William Moore, Near South
Andrew Mosley, Information Svcs.
Andrew Windham, 77th Street
Gus Wright, Beverly

25 Years

Bruce Anderson, Rail Service
Robert Armstrong, Douglas/Congress
Robert Austin, Lawndale
Adello Bianchini, Howard/Kimball
Robert Cano Jr., Douglas/Congress
Odessa Danielley, South Section
Peter Dolan, North Park
Steve Econom, Archer
John Grayer, Far South
William Haase, Rail Dist. West
Nicholas Lambrakos, Archer
Grady Mattison, South Shops
James McCurtis, Forest Park
Roy McGrath, Bus Service
William Miller, Lawndale
Bernard Moore, Fac. Engr./Maint.
Edward Panik, Near North
Levell Stewart, South Shops
Jay Thompson, 69th Street
Eddie Tinsley, Schedules
Myron Woods, Rail Instruction

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North Avenue, Emp. 6-7-54
ROBERT BUERGER, Carpenter Foreman,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 11-10-41
CHARLES COLE, Bus Operator,
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THOMAS COOGAN, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 11-25-57
WILLIAM DANIELS, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 9-24-52
*JOHN ECKEL, Sr. Tab Mach. Oper.,
Datacenter, Emp. 7-23-53
LLOYD FERDINAND, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 6-3-46
DEWEY HILL, Motorman,
61st Street, Emp. 4-10-52
MELVIN JONES, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 6-25-51
JINDRICH MULLER, Laborer,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 5-22-68
ROBERT O'NEAL, Bus Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 8-5-57
JOHN REBACZ, Tool Fire Blksmith.,
West Shops, Emp. 1-21-65
BENJAMIN SECLER, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 2-12-52
ARTHUR SMITH, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 3-16-59
WILLIE STEVENS, Bus Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 8-12-52
THOMAS STOUT, "B" Helper,
West Shops, Emp. 11-26-62
THEODORE SZYMANSKI, Frmn. Elec. Wrkr.,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 5-7-47
JOHN WEALER, Bus Supervisor,
District D, Emp. 3-18-54

ROY WILLIAMS, Elec. Sig. Maint. Specst.,
West Shops, Emp. 4-17-50
GEORGE WYLIE, Unit Supervisor,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 5-22-68

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West Shops, Emp. 9-23-71

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Emp. 3-31-47, Died 3-28-84
WALTER BANICKI, 74, Elec. Maint.,
Emp. 8-12-43, Died 4-7-84
LAWRENCE BROOKHOUSE, 94, Transp.,
Emp. 12-3-15, Died 3-15-84
ROBERT BROWNE, 77, West Section,
Emp. 10-29-43, Died 3-24-84
WILLIAM BURBATT, 61, Beverly,
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PATRICK CANNON, 73, Stores,
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LUTHER CARR, 75, 61st Street,
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MICHAEL CARUSO, 71, South Section,
Emp. 8-29-45, Died 4-10-84
RAY CATLIN, 83, Howard,
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HARRY CASSIDY, 94, Devon,
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JAMES CAWLEY, 68, North Park,
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ARTHUR ITTER, 87, North Park,
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MICHAEL KILCOMMONS, 69, West Shops,
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FRANK KIZIOR, 77, Lawndale,
Emp. 12-26-36, Died 4-1-84
CHARLES KROENER, 67, South Shops,
Emp. 3-9-72, Died 3-20-84

EDWIN KRUCKOW, 80, Transportation,
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OSCAR LEIDING, 89, Gen. Acctg.,
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MARTIN LUDOLPH, 74, North Park,
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KATIE MALONEY, 92, North Section,
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MAX NETZEL, 69, Rail Veh. Maint.,
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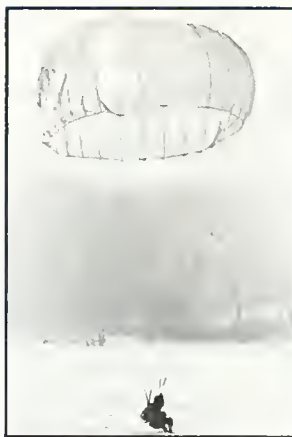
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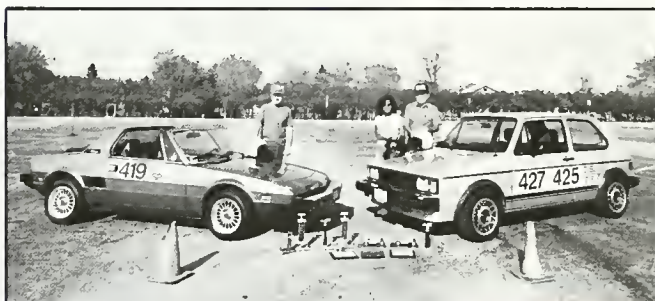
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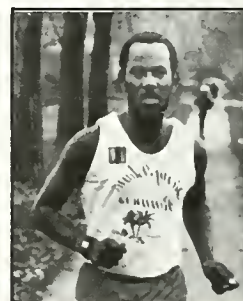
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New Kedzie garage opens

CTA buses serving nine major West Side bus routes returned to one of Chicago's oldest surface transit operating locations on June 29. The inconvenience of nearly three years of temporary operation out of Lawndale garage was quickly forgotten, because the old Kedzie carhouse, built in 1910, had been replaced by the first new bus garage built by CTA in almost 30 years.

CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli officially opened the \$17.6-million,

321,000-square-foot facility, located on 8.2 acres bounded by Kedzie avenue, Jackson boulevard, Van Buren street, and Spaulding avenue. Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Ralph L. Stanley and other government officials and community leaders joined in the celebration.

"This is the most modern, energy efficient, cost effective, state of the art bus garage/maintenance facility in the country," Chairman Cardilli said. "We are now able to park 250 buses inside

during sub-zero weather, negating the need to keep diesel engines running all night to ensure smooth morning rush hours. This indoor parking increases the service life of buses, and saves thousands of dollars."

While indoor parking is the most important operating advantage of the new Kedzie garage, every design feature shows concern for efficiency and conservation of energy and material.

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Tradition continues . . .

Employees gathered outside Kedzie garage early on the morning of opening day, June 29, 1984, as CTA retiree Thomas O'Connor raised the flag for the first time. O'Connor retired from Lawndale garage in January 1982, while the new Kedzie garage was under construction, after almost 36 years of service. O'Connor, who always raised the flag at the old Kedzie garage, is now DuPage area commander of the American Legion.



Kedzie garage

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All buses enter and leave the garage through 10 large doors on Kedzie avenue, and all interior bus movements are made by left-hand turns with no backing required.

Buses entering the garage from Kedzie avenue for daily service are driven straight to five service lanes with provisions for currency removal, diesel fuel, motor oil, interior cleaning, and refuse collection. A closed system carries refuse to an industrial trash compactor/closed container, and currency removal is monitored by closed-circuit video cameras.

After servicing, buses continue straight on to three automatic drive-through bus washers that clean the front, rear, sides and roof and spray the chassis. The washers feature 65 per cent water reclamation. Clean buses may bypass the washers on either side.

A left turn leads to two bus parking bays with a total capacity of 250 buses. Buses requiring maintenance other than daily service are moved from the parking bays to the maintenance area in the north end of the building.

The maintenance area is also a model of efficiency. Fourteen bus

hoists are capable of serving standard length or articulated buses. These include nine general service and repair units, two engine wash units, a tire unit, an inspection unit, and an inspection and repair unit. Four vehicle maintenance pits, each 140 feet long, can accommodate up to 12 standard buses or 8 articulated buses.

Oil and other miscellaneous service products are stored in nine 6,000-gallon vertical storage tanks in a separate storage area inside the south end of the building. An overhead

distribution system pumps oil and other chemicals direct to each maintenance location for easy dispensing. Diesel fuel is stored in five 20,000-gallon underground tanks outside of the south wall of the building.

Complete, modern transportation offices are decorated in a pleasing blend of muted and brilliant colors, and the drivers' area features open space, a high ceiling design, and a blend of natural and artificial lighting. There is also a convenient area where the public may purchase monthly passes and tokens.

The design of Kedzie garage also shows concern for environmental quality and energy conservation. The thoroughly insulated building features such modern innovations as a forced air ventilation system that recovers heat from exhaust air, an automatic light dimming system that selectively dims interior lighting when natural light is available, and two underground oil/water separators that intercept all drainage from the garage floor and the outdoor product delivery location.

Architecturally, the Kedzie garage is a good neighbor. Indoor bus parking minimizes air and noise pollution in



Nicholas Janich (from left), Del E. Webb project superintendent, Bill Toomey, CTA garage foreman, and F. H. Petzold, CTA project manager, discuss use of equipment at one of the bus service lanes.



Dedication plaque for modern Kedzie bus garage was unveiled at the opening ceremony by (left to right) CTA Executive

Director Bernard J. Ford, CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli, and CTA Vice Chairman Howard Medley.

- 1 Buses enter from Kedzie avenue and pass through five service lanes. Each lane provides currency removal, diesel fuel, motor oil, interior cleaning, and refuse collection.
- 2 Three automatic bus washers clean the top, front, sides and rear of buses while spraying the chassis. Cost efficient washers achieve 65 per cent water reclamation.
- 3 Hoists accept both standard and articulated buses for inspection and repair.
- 4 Four pits, each 140 feet long, can service up to 12 buses simultaneously. An overhead distribution system dispenses lubricants and fluids at each work location.

the surrounding residential community, and all exterior bus movements occur on Kedzie avenue.

The building's visual mass is reduced through the use of truncated corners, setbacks, texture variations, and landscaping. A smooth appearance and landscaping on the north side preserve the boulevard character of Jackson boulevard, while the setbacks and truncated corners on the south side blend with the residential environment of Van Buren street.

Plans for Kedzie garage were prepared by Lester B. Knight & Associates working with CTA engineers under the direction of project manager F. H. Petzold, Facilities Engineering & Maintenance.

"CTA field construction personnel and engineers enjoyed excellent cooperation from the consultant, the construction contractor, and others involved," Petzold said. "This enabled us to complete construction very close to the planned time frame and kept extra costs to a minimum."

Del E. Webb Construction Services, Co., the general contractor, in cooperation with the CTA's affirmative action program, awarded \$2 million in

sub-contracts to more than 11 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises/Women Business Enterprises (DBE/WBE).

The program was so successful that Del E. Webb was honored by the Midwest Community Council for recruiting and employing minorities and women from within the community.

Funding for the Kedzie garage was provided by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation (UMTA/USDOT) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Initially, the following bus routes, returning from Lawndale, are being operated out of Kedzie garage: No. 7 Harrison, No. 12 Roosevelt, No. 18 16th/18th, No. 21 Cermak, No. 25 West Cermak, No. 37 Sedgwick/Ogden, No. 52 Kedzie/California, No. 60 Blue Island/26th, and No. 82 Kimball/Homan.

In September, the following routes will return to Kedzie garage from North Avenue garage: No. 16 Lake, No. 17 Westchester, No. 20 Madison, No. 126 Jackson, and No. 131 Washington.

From the Chairman

A new generation

One of my most satisfying accomplishments, since I became CTA Chairman, was presiding over the opening ceremony at CTA's new Kedzie garage.

As the first of a new generation of bus garages, Kedzie points the way toward the future of bus transit in Chicago, and demonstrates CTA's continuing commitment to serve our riders and the surrounding community in an efficient, cost-effective and responsible manner.

I congratulate all CTA personnel who contributed to the concept, design, and construction supervision of this facility. The many major bus service and bus maintenance advancements designed and built into the Kedzie garage will enable CTA to provide excellent service for many years to come on bus routes serving the West Side of Chicago.

This new bus garage also demonstrates a new standard of community awareness. Interior bus parking minimizes air and noise pollution; day to day bus operations avoid residential streets; and the architectural design complements the surrounding area. I am also proud that our general contractor, through cooperation with CTA's Affirmative Action Program, was honored by the Midwest Community Council for recruiting and employing minority and female workers from the surrounding community.

Kedzie garage is the beginning of new capital improvements that will improve bus transit in Chicago, and we are looking forward to the start of construction this summer of another new bus garage, near 103rd street and Stony Island, which is expected to begin operating in early 1987.

Michael A. Cardilli

RTA incentive awards for two CTA employees

Two CTA employees were among five transit employee recipients of the first awards in RTA Chairman John D. Kramer's Employee Incentive Program at RTA headquarters June 13.

Rosemary Hoskins, 29, a bus operator assigned to North Park Garage, and rail conductor Joe Jones, 35, of Jefferson Park Terminal, each received checks for \$250.00, and certificates from the RTA chairman at a ceremony in his office.



Joe Jones, rail conductor, Jefferson Park Terminal, and Rosemary Hoskins, bus operator, North Park Garage, share their moment of pride with CTA Director of Service Michael LaVelle as they display RTA certificates of recognition presented to them for outstanding service, along with checks for \$250 each. RTA Chairman John D. Kramer honored the two CTA employees in a special ceremony at RTA headquarters.

Ms. Hoskins, a bus operator since 1977, was rewarded by Kramer for her excellent work record which includes commendations for her professional and gracious manner. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in education from Augustana College, and is a graduate student at Chicago State University.

Jones who became a rail conductor in 1973, was also cited for his excellent work record, which includes a commendation for coming to the aid of a rider who had been attacked by a group of teenage boys in an attempted robbery.

The veteran CTA conductor is also a presiding minister at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses and teaches a weekly class in literacy in the Austin area where he lives.

Other RTA recipients of the Employee Incentive awards were J.T. Johnson, Burlington Northern Railroad; Marvin McRoberts, Milwaukee Road, and John Terrzo, Transit Management of West Towns.

"These people have brightened the days of countless riders and set a wonderful example for their fellow employees," Kramer said. "We have many other outstanding employees, and some of them will be receiving similar awards in the coming months, but these five have set the standard for the entire RTA family.

"Employees like these are one reason why RTA ridership has been increasing beyond our expectations,"

the RTA chairman said.

Since becoming RTA chairman, Kramer has forgone his \$1,000 a month salary and had the money deposited in a special fund to reward transit employees who provide exceptional service to the public.

Since the incentive program was announced several weeks ago, the RTA has received more than 800 letters and phone calls from riders nominating exceptional transit employees. Kramer had encouraged riders to continue making nominations by writing RTA Incentive Program, 300 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60610, or call 836-4047 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Nominations are screened by a five-member committee. More awards are expected to be made soon.

John W. Davis appointed Strategic Planning Manager



John W. Davis has been appointed Manager of Strategic Planning as announced by CTA Executive Director Bernard J. Ford.

As Manager of Strategic Planning, Davis and his staff will prepare mission, policy, and goal statements which serve as guides to strategic and tactical planning, objectives, and programs for consideration by the Chicago Transit Board.

Davis, 50, is a resident of the Chatham area.

Prior to joining the CTA, Davis served as a deputy assessor in the Cook County Assessor's office where he was responsible for appraising real estate, forecasting economic developments, and assessing the value of all classes of real estate since 1981.

From 1978 to 1981, Davis was president of the Marjon Realty Company, 134 N. LaSalle St., where he oversaw commercial and industrial sales and was involved in syndication and real estate development of multiple family housing units.

Davis was director of the property disposition branch of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Chicago from 1972 to 1978 where he supervised a staff of 50 and was property manager for HUD's entire state housing inventory and was responsible for single and multi-family units valued at more than \$200 million.

Davis is an elder and board chairman of the Stony Island Church of Christ congregation; is a board member of the Chatham Lions Club, and is a vice-president of the Chatham-Avalon Community Council.

Blaa ends 42-year career, joins private consultants

George Krambles (left), retired CTA executive director; Bernard J. Ford, executive director; and James R. Blaa (right), Ford's retiring special assistant, share a lighthearted moment as they reminisce during a reception honoring Blaa at the M&M Club.



Another montage of recorded events in a 42-year transit career is presented by Safety Manager Tom Boyle (left) to James R. Blaa. Blaa's wife, Mrs. Ann Blaa (right), enjoys the moment which honors her husband.



Mr. and Mrs. James R. Blaa strike a pose with their family during reception at the M&M Club. Standing next to their honored dad is daughter, Mary Beth, and son, James R. Jr., a U.S. Navy pilot.

James R. Blaa, special assistant to Executive Director Bernard J. Ford, ended his 42-year career in Chicago public transit service July 1.

Blaa served as transportation manager from 1974 to Dec. 26, 1982 when he was named special assistant to Ford. His retirement ends an 84-year family association with public transit in Chicago. His grandfather, Charles Blaa, was a rapid transit conductor from 1900 to 1937, and his father, Joseph Blaa, was a rapid transit motorman and dispatcher from 1925 to 1960.

A reception honoring Blaa was held on June 28 at the M&M Club in the Merchandise Mart.

Blaa began his career in 1942 with the Chicago Surface Lines as an office boy in the superintendent's office. He

joined the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served for three years. He returned to his public transit career in 1946, and the next year CTA began operations through the merging of the Chicago Surface Lines and the Chicago Rapid Transit Company.

After his appointment as transportation manager in 1974, Blaa spent the next nine years managing the day-to-day operations of CTA's largest division composed of 8,500 employees, 10 bus garages, nine rapid transit terminals, and a ticket agent facility.

He was responsible for moving some two million weekday riders over 2,080 miles of bus routes, and 1,000 rapid transit cars over 212 miles of rail route.

Many of the space age systems now used to control CTA buses and

'L'-subway trains, a comprehensive rapid transit loudspeaker system, and a bus emergency location system were implemented under Blaa. Today's industry-leading CTA control center for bus and rapid transit operations was planned and created with Blaa's leadership.

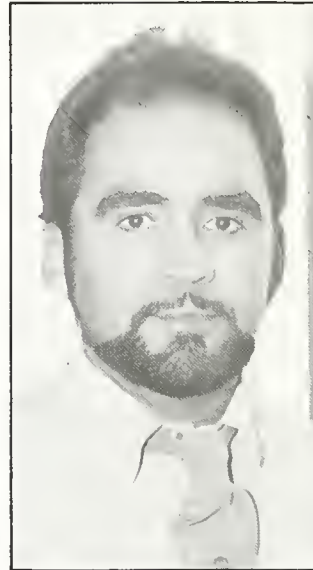
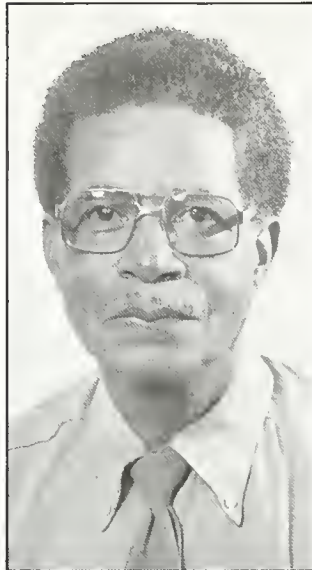
Beginning July 2, Blaa will be senior vice-president, management services, with National Transit Services, Inc., Chicago, a private consulting firm to transit facilities throughout the United States.

Blaa and his wife, Ann, are the parents of a son, James Jr., and a daughter, Mary Beth.

The senior Mr. and Mrs. Blaa live in west suburban Riverside where Blaa will pursue his hobbies of photography, gardening, and music.

Commendation Corner

George Thurman (North Avenue garage) won the approval of Francis Jasiak, of Westchester, "for the pleasant, helpful and cheerful way he performs his duties" on a No. 17 Westchester bus. "He gave out a schedule to a passenger, then answered questions as to how to reach his destination -- all in a very friendly and pleasant manner. He took time to help a lady with a baby and baby cart, making sure she got on the bus properly. He even questioned some Hispanic people who looked lost, giving them instructions I could see they were glad to get. He is a great asset for the CTA."



Victor Ramirez Jr. (North Section) was singled out by Steven Brichetto, of Foster Avenue, for "exemplary" service as conductor of a Ravenswood train. "He greets passengers with a smile and a friendly 'Hello.' If a passenger has an inquiry, he readily responds in a courteous and helpful manner. If he does not know the answer, he apologizes. He also announces each stop in a clear voice, along with other helpful information, such as places of interest and transfer points. His performance reveals him to be a mature, dedicated and thoughtful person capable of great potential."

Willie Borders (North Avenue garage) caught the attention of George Mostardini, of North Neva Avenue, because of his courtesy as operator of a No. 76 Diversey bus. "For 13 years I have been riding the Diversey bus from Neva to Logan Square. Before I retire, I am compelled to commend a driver who does his job so well and much more. He is polite and considerate of all the riders, and believe it or not, he wipes all the seats with paper towels before he starts a run after a rain. He is one man who does his job well and takes pride in his work. There should be more like him."

Al Clayton (Archer garage) was appreciated by Odessa Thompson, of Kimbark Avenue, who was a rider on his 35th Street bus. "The bus driver was man enough to demand respect for himself and for his passengers from a bunch of schoolchildren, boys and girls, who were cursing and just plain outrageous (to me). He reprimanded them, and they responded, except one who was ordered off the bus. I must also say he was very courteous to his passengers. He greeted everyone with a pleasant hello, called out the various stops, and told everyone to be careful getting on and off the bus."

John Mack Jr. (Kedzie garage) was the operator of a No. 82 Kimball/Homan bus ridden by Jennie Can, of Warner Avenue. "He made sure we all were on the bus and seated before he started up. As we were a group of older people, I thought that was very kind of him. He did this all the way to where I got off at Berteau. Also, he made sure all the people were off the bus (before starting up). He was very concerned about all of us. I am 70 years old, and I know what I am talking about. I get around fairly well, but I am still slower than the younger people, which is expected."

Booker Bolton (North Avenue garage) was praised for the way he operates his No. 66 Chicago bus by Bobbie Williams, of South Paulina Avenue. "This operator is the most concerned, kind and humanitarian person, who cares about people who are out in the streets early in the A.M. He knows that most of the connections on Chicago Avenue are just seconds apart. When he comes to Chicago and State, there is an 'L' that comes at that time, and also a bus. He waits a second so these people won't have to walk over to the hospital or wait longer for another bus. I want to thank him for being so nice."

Tom Lenoir (Washington garage) was thanked by Jeanette Owens, of Merrill Avenue, and other riders on his morning Special Services run. "Overall we have come to appreciate how valuable the service is, and many of us find it difficult to envision how we ever managed without it. It is the dedication and hard work of the drivers that have helped the program improve greatly. Tom Lenoir is one such driver. He has a positive attitude toward his passengers, and displays deep concern. He recognizes his responsibilities toward his job as well as to us. He is liked and appreciated."

Luis Mendez (North Avenue garage) was commended by June Murray, of North Hoyne Avenue, for warding off a thief on his No. 76 Diversey bus. "While boarding, I was being pickpocketed by a young man. The bus driver noticed the suspicious behavior, and started to get out of his seat. The young man escaped upon being discovered. My backpack had been opened, but my wallet and other personal belongs were still there. The quick and assertive action of this driver saved me \$30. His concern for passenger safety, including the prevention of crime, is admirable."

For your benefit

I.M. Quick makes a deal

"I'd rather have the cash than the benefits," said CTA employee I. M. Quick.

So when Quick arrived at work he decided to cut a deal and turn in his benefits for the cash value. "What a great idea," Quick thought. "I have more than five years of service, my family is healthy, and I could use the extra pocket change."

Armed with his plan, Quick sat down with benefits specialist, Judith Joy. "Are you sure you want to do this?" Ms. Joy asked. "Benefits are worth a lot more than you realize. Far more than the apparent cash value."

Quick was determined. "Listen, the way I figure it, I make \$20,000 and if you give me the money CTA spends on my benefits, it must be worth an extra \$400-\$500 a month. That's an additional \$6,000 a year."

Joy pleaded, "You never know when the benefits will be useful. They are financial security."

"You can't buy a car with benefits. You need cash. I'll trade my benefits for cash. Cash is financial security!"

"Okay! But don't say I didn't try to talk you out of it."

As Quick boarded the bus home he reached for his CTA employee pass, but he could not find it. After paying \$1.00 (transfer) he sat back to relive his triumph. Unfortunately, he didn't realize that he had forfeited the benefit of free travel and now he would have to pay \$40 for a monthly pass.

The next day, Quick decided he needed a vacation and sent a memo requesting two weeks. "Absolutely not!" was the reply. "You gave that up yesterday." (\$800 approx.) No vacation was only a minor setback.

Later that same day, his wife phoned, and Quick screamed into the telephone. "What happened? Where is he? He's in the hospital?" His wife had just told him that Junior had broken his leg sliding into third base. "Thank goodness for health insurance," Quick said. "Don't worry, I'll pick up the form on my way home."

"I am sorry, Mr. Quick, but you are no longer covered by insurance. You gave that benefit up," said Ms. Joy.

"The hospital and medical bills will be a fortune," pleaded Quick. "You know how expensive it can be. It is enough to make you sick." (CTA pays approx. \$3800 per year per employee

and family.)

"Don't you get sick, Mr. Quick, because you no longer have 'sick pay' benefits," Ms. Joy reminded him. (CTA pays approx. \$400 per year.)

"Oh no," Quick whispered, "I'll die."

Ms. Joy responded, "That's no good either, because we stopped paying the premiums on your life insurance policy. That was also a benefit you gave up." (\$150 per year.)

"That's all I can take," Quick said. "Maybe I'll retire and take my pension."

"What pension?" Joy asked. "You gave up all your pension when we cut our deal, remember?"

"Wait a minute. You never told me how much these benefits were actually worth. I thought they were worth a few hundred a month."

"You would not listen. I tried to reason with you," Ms. Joy said.

"I have done some re-evaluating," Quick said. "If I give you back the cash, may I have my benefits back? I think I can appreciate how valuable they really are."

Ms. Joy said, "I agree with you. I now believe that you actually understand that benefits are far more valuable than they appear. We have a deal!"

Thanks for a job well done

Rosa Alfaro, Forest Glen
Rogelio Arrazola, North Park

Gregory Barber, North Park
Otis Barnes, 77th Street
Alfredo Barrios, Archer
James Beal Jr., North Avenue
Hudson Black, Limits
Nikola Blagojevic, Limits
Havard Blanks, Kedzie
Vicki Bledsoe, Howard/Kimball
Dwayne Borom, Limits
Junior Broadbent, Forest Glen
Charles Brown, North Park
Henry Brown, Payroll Accounting
Claude Brown Jr., Archer
Matthew Brownlee, District B
William Brownlie, Forest Glen

Jean Cage, North Park
George Calhoun, 69th Street
John Cameron, Ashland
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Leroy Carr, Forest Glen
Marvin Chachere, North Park
Al Clayton, Archer
Felicia Clower, Limits
Patricia Cobb, North Park
James Cockrell, Limits
James Crockett, West Section
Albert Davies, North Park
Electra DeAlba, North Avenue
Herman Duffin, Forest Glen

August Elke, Archer
Mattie Elkins, Rail System

William Finley Jr., North Avenue
James Fitzgerald, Limits
Gary Folken, North Section
Anthony Gibson, District D
Walter Gibson Jr., Archer
Larry Goffer, Limits
Wallacene Good, Forest Glen
Odell Granger, Forest Glen
Noble Graves, Limits
John Gray, 77th Street
Andrew Gray, 69th Street
Bobby Griffin, Archer
Niki Hansen, Forest Glen
Obeddie Hawkins, Jefferson Park
Arthur Hawkins Jr., North Avenue
Olivia Hewitt, 77th Street
George Hiensman II, 69th Street
Jimmie Hill, 69th Street
Donald Hudson, Forest Glen
Willie Hunt, North Avenue
Ernest Hunter, Beverly
Nathan Jackson, 77th Street
Willie Jefferson, 77th Street
Mary Johnson, North Section
Ronald Jones, North Park
Betty Jones, Limits
James Jones Jr., Kedzie
Assunta Kaya, Forest Glen
Dean Kellum, Jefferson Park

Young Kim, North Park
James Kolstad, Beverly
Robert Kremer, North Park
Margie Laboy, North Avenue
Ruben Lopez, North Park
Wayne Luster, Limits
Eleanore Madricki, Forest Glen
Patrick Meaney, Douglas Congress
Salaheddeen Mohammed, North Avenue
Howard Monroe, North Park
Jack Moore, North Park
Frederick Moore, North Park
Dellino Morales, Kedzie
James Moses Jr., North Avenue
Heriberto Munzo, North Park
Sammie Newell, West Section
James Nielson, Archer
Stanley Nolan, North Avenue
Ronald Overton, Ashland
Charles Patton, Limits
Juan Perez, Limits
Lillie Pope, South Section
Victor Ramirez Jr., Howard Kimball
George Raniszewski, Forest Glen
J. Rice, 69th Street
Annie Rice, Limits
Robert Richardson, North Park
Eugenio Rivera, North Avenue
Chester Robertson, Archer

Salvatore Scurti, North Section
Gregory Shelby, Limits
Leevon Skinner, 69th Street
Robert Smith, Forest Glen
Terry Smoczynski, Forest Glen
Luis Sosa, Archer
Nathaniel Stevens Jr., North Park
Linda Stewart, Limits
Dwayne Stinson, Limits
Cheryl Stitts, Limits
Carl Suddeth, North Park
Wendell Talbert, North Park
Earl Terry, Forest Glen
Henry Terry, Special Services
Robert Thomas, North Park
Lee Thompson, North Park
Eugene Thurmond, District A
Reginald Tolbert, North Park
Blanca Torres, Forest Glen
Eddie Traylor III, North Park
Lonnie Walker, North Park
Adolphus Walker Jr., North Avenue
Barbara Ware, 77th Street
Gary Williams, North Park
James Yancey, Limits
Kazimer Yaworski, Forest Glen
Charles Young, Douglas Congress
Edward Zamiar, North Park
Theresa Zamora, Limits

Maintenance competition is new Rodeo challenge



Tom Gecan (left), maintenance superintendent, Garages North, who served as Maintenance Rodeo site manager at Forest Glen, stands with a group of Maintenance Rodeo participants. They are (from left): William Rafferty, Forest Glen; Jose Martinez, John Ward, and John McGreal, North Park; Guido Marzena, Laverne Freeman, and Bennie Jones, Limits, and Darwin Zaremba, Forest Glen.

Forest Glen Garage has recorded a clean sweep in skills competition top honors for 1984.

Besides being home of both the first and second place winners in the annual bus Rodeo, the north side garage's maintenance shop also produced the first place team in the 1984 annual three-phase Maintenance Rodeo, the first such CTA competition to be conducted.

The first place maintenance team includes William Rafferty, assistant foreman; combination clerk Frank

Marshall, and bus repairer Darwin Zaremba. The three were each awarded a weekend stay for two at the Nordic Hills Country Club in Itasca.

Second and third place honors went to the 77th Street Garage. The second place team included Nguyen Dai and Salvador Contreras, bus repairers; and Reuben Johnson, combination clerk. The two-man third place team was bus repairers John Murphy and Phillip Murnane. Each member of the top three teams received a special belt buckle, an individual trophy, a special

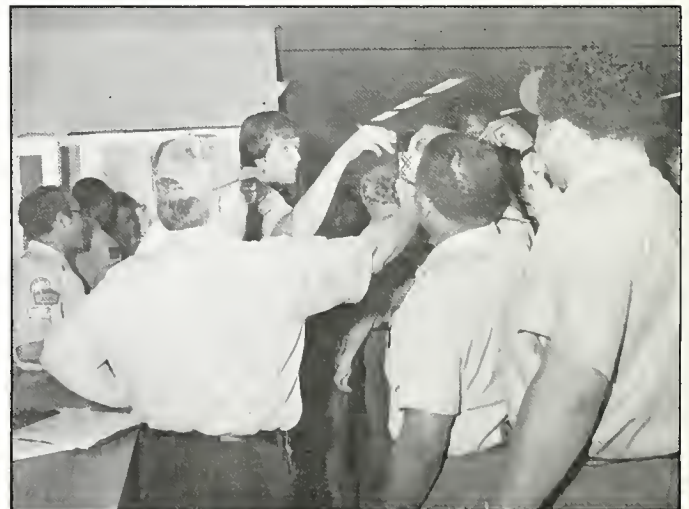
patch and dinner, theater, and gift certificates.

Other finalists in the maintenance competition were fourth place winners Willie Rachel, engine washer, and William McCray and Theodore Yancy, bus repairers, all of Washington Garage; and bus repairers Kenneth Hanna and Michael Kasman of Forest Glen Garage, fifth place.

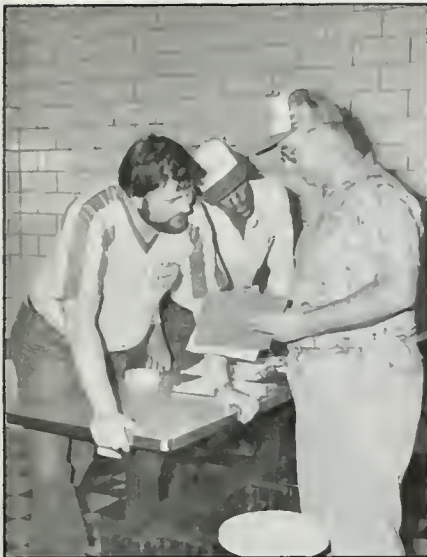
Each member of the top five teams received individual plaques and jackets while all of the Maintenance Rodeo participants received caps.



Willie Wong (left), Maintenance Rodeo chairman, and William Thompson, Bus Rodeo chairman, meet to coordinate participation for their respective contestants at Forest Glen and 77th Street garage level competition.



Louis Bieniek, instructor (wearing cap), conducts lottery among drivers for order of Rodeo participation.



Bill Mooney (left), Kelsey King, and Mel Link, Bus Rodeo committee members, discuss assignment of judges and equipment distribution.



Barbara Reeves, instructor, Agent Training, and Charles Dickerson, a South Shops electrician, check score sheets following Maintenance Rodeo at 77th Street Garage.

pens, cups, and patches. Winners and their guests were honored at an awards banquet held September 21 in the Merchandise Mart M&M Club to recognize the 1984 bus, rail and maintenance Rodeo champions and other honorees.

Willie Wong, maintenance unit supervisor at Washington Garage, and the 1984 Maintenance Rodeo chairman, said 13 teams, most comprised of three people, participated in the first Maintenance Rodeo. Each team included at least one clerk or servicer, while the third team member was either a foreman or an instructor. One member was also designated as team captain.

Although in the first phase of the contest bus and maintenance rodeo contestants drove the same course, they were not in competition with each other. Wong said Maintenance Rodeo contestants substituted a stop at the wash rack for the passenger stop made by bus Rodeo contestants.

Phase two of the Maintenance Rodeo was the safety mechanical quiz in which one member of each team was designated to take the written test. Phase three was troubleshooting for problems in each vehicle within an allotted time. The top three scorers were selected as the top three teams, Wong said. The final maintenance competition was held July 22 and July 29 at Kedzie Garage.



Sergeant Fred Braun, Cook County Sheriff's Police, checks the speed of buses as they enter diminishing clearance. The exercise tests the operator's ability to judge position and speed of vehicle while driving through a V-shape channel outlined with cones. Operator must maintain a minimum speed of 20 miles per hour on entering the channel.

Operations division continues to revamp

Five sections of the Operations Division are exercising greater autonomy as a result of a June 10 organizational restructure.

Given an increased responsibility in transportation operations were Transportation Service, Personnel, Administrative Services, Training/Instruction, and Communications/Power Control.

Although the Operations reshuffle which established the five departments created no new positions, directors already in those areas were named managers. The respective department managers are Michael LaVelle, Alex Johnson, Robert Desvignes, Elonzo Hill, and David Martin, the lone exception who was reassigned from his previous position as area superintendent, Central (Personnel).

Assuming responsibilities as directors are Ronald Baker, Rail Personnel; Michael Lacriola, Bus Personnel; Issac Beal, Elderly/Handicapped Special Services; Edward Mitchell, Technical Services and Data Control; William Mooney, Administration and Quality Control, and Bill Sholdice, Training Development.

New responsibilities assumed by area superintendents are: Rail Personnel South, Ward Chamberlain; Rail Personnel North, Lester Racker; Bus Personnel South, Thomas Reilly; and Bus Personnel North, William Moser.

Appointed superintendent III were David Curry, and L.J. Hampton, Personnel. Superintendents are Lino Alcaraz, Bus Communication; James Washington, Power/Data Control; Jerry Johnson, Rail Communication, and Louis Sanford, Budget and Position Control.

Insurance coverage

Unmarried dependents of CTA employees who are at least 19 but less than 23 years old, and enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours at an accredited U.S. trade or career school, are now eligible for CTA health insurance coverage, provided they reside with the employee.



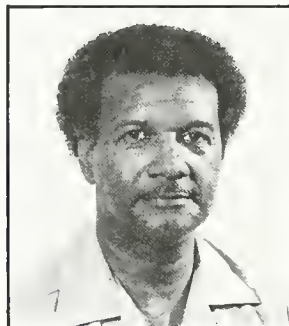
James Mayes - 69th "The competition was so tough this year that I might not try again next time. This was my fourth Rodeo. I knew I could do the course and I was determined that I would end up on top."



Jose Moreno - North Park "This was my first time - it was really nice and I'm thrilled to be in the Winning Circle 20. I had problems backing the bus and the final cone gave me a scare. I may have been driving slower than I should have."



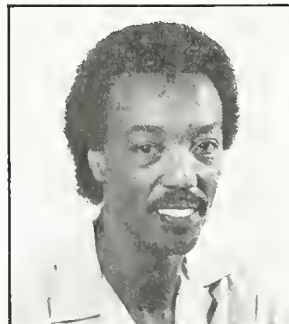
Hueylon Steward - 69th "This was my third try in the Rodeo and the first time I made the Winning Circle 20. I'm thrilled to be close to the top. This was an easier time out than the first two times and I'm ready to replace John Odom, as best driver."



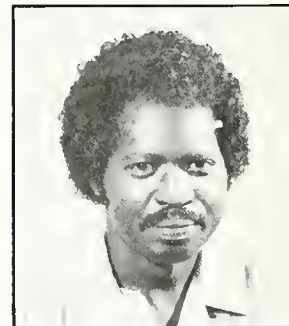
Willie Whisenton - Limits "This is my third time in the Winning Circle 20. I was in the first two, missed last year due to illness, and I think the idea is just great. We should have more image building events like this to instill more pride and interest in our bus operators."



David James - North Avenue "I thought I was a little too cautious this time with my bus. I had some problems with the left turn, and I spent too much time on the obstacle course. This caused me to lose points, but I'm still moving ahead."



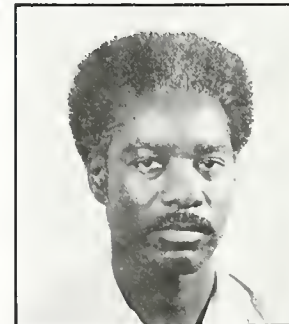
Willie Stewart - North Avenue "This was my second try. I entered the first Rodeo but I didn't make the Winning Circle 20. Maybe I made it because I was more relaxed. I noticed the other drivers seemed more relaxed than those I was with that first time."



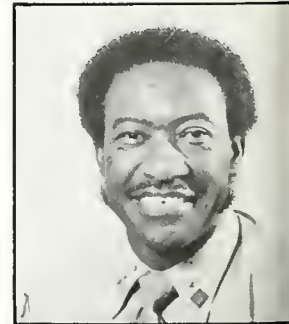
Milton LeShore - North Avenue "This competition was my second. I felt more relaxed and more familiar with the obstacle course. Even so, the final cone gave me a problem. The contestants are suppose to stop six inches from the cone, but not to knock it over."



William Edgerton - Limits "This was my first competition and I enjoyed it very much. I enjoyed the sense of competition against the others. The obstacle course was most enjoyable, but backing up a bus was a real challenge."

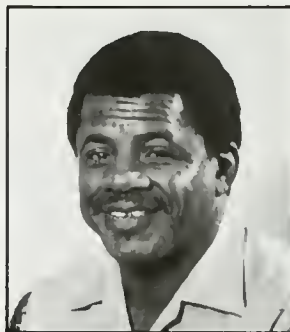


Jimmie Johnson - Washington "This year's Rodeo was a great test of skills - it separated the 'big boys' from the 'little boys.' I especially liked the obstacle course where I was able to put all my driving skills to the final test."

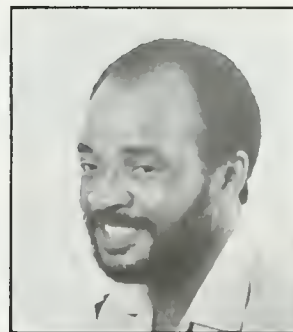


John Odom - 69th "When I won my first competition three years ago, my score was 440 out of 650 points. This year's preliminary contest had four of us over the 600 points, and all of us were over 500 points each. The Rodeo has caught on, and driving skills have improved."





Willie Johnson — North Avenue "This Rodeo to me is like the Olympic games and believe me, I'm going for the gold. I had a problem curbing my bus because I drive the Lake street route where 'L' pillars and illegally parked cars prevent bus operators from curbing "



Alan Wilson — 77th "This was my first year and I sure was excited to make the Winning Circle 20. That's what I set out to do. The obstacle course was stiff, not impossible, but a good challenge. I'm constantly working to improve my driving techniques."



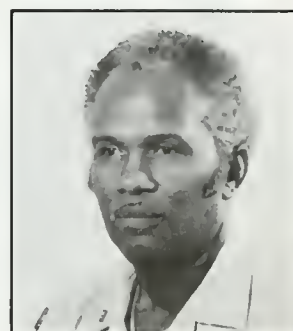
Michael Matas — Forest Glen "This year I did it again, just like I did last year. I got nervous. But, I gave it my best when I was the center of all those judges' attention. A couple of good things happened — I overcame the problems I had last year."



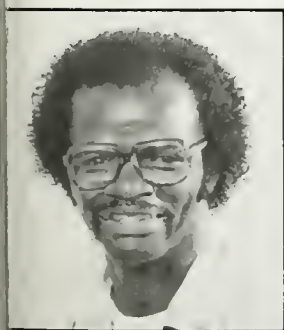
Rufus Meeks — 69th "Of course I realized the mistakes I made last year, so I did much better this time. Last year the 'Y' back-up was a tough (bus) maneuver for me. This year it was the easiest because I concentrated on it. I profitted from last year's mistakes."



Joe Rodenski — Forest Glen "This year's contestants were the best I've seen and I've been in every Rodeo since it started. For myself, I thought I did about the same this year as I did last year. But I decided I want to be in the final four."



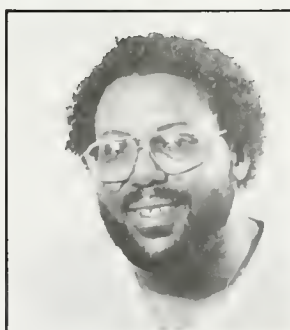
Laurence Weathersby — 69th "I competed last year, but this year's contestants were better. The obstacle course was similar, but the quality of the drivers was better. This year I figured to defeat John Odom for the top spot."



Marcellus Williamson — 9th Street "This year's competitors were much better than last year's contestants; they were much harder to beat. My main concern was those tennis balls which we had to curb next to without causing them to even waver."



Luther Lewis — Washington "I was sure glad to be in this year's Rodeo and be in the Winning Circle 20. The obstacle test was a real challenge, but I had a strong desire to compete and to win in my third Rodeo. I kept telling myself to stay loose and be relaxed "

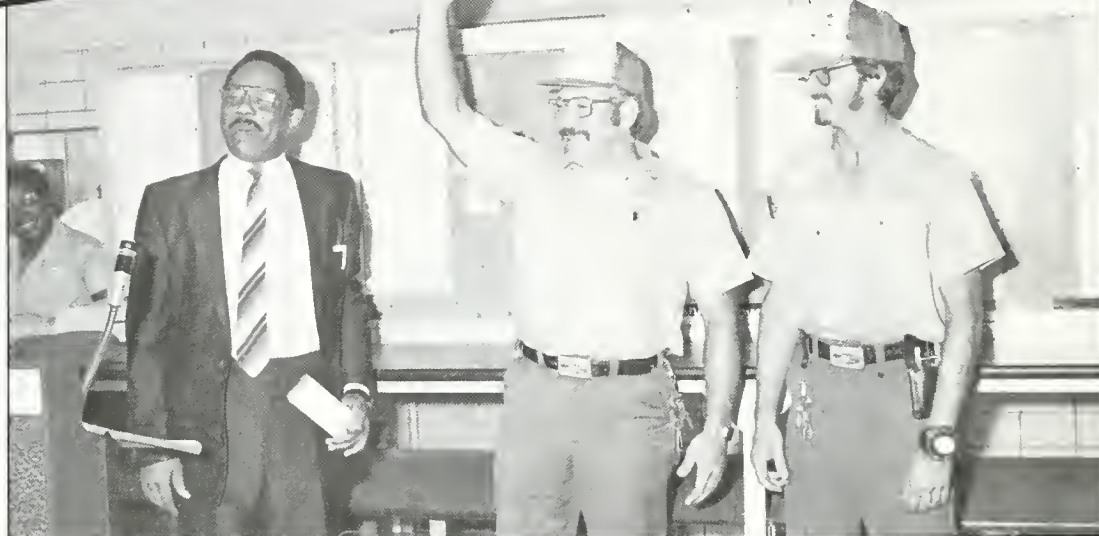


Ladell Jackson — North Avenue "This was my second time in the top 20. I felt the quality of competition this year was about the same as in 1982. The obstacle course again gave me problems, especially those darned tennis balls we had to drive close to but not move."



Eugene Tate — Kedzie "The competition was great this year and I guess the older guys, like Rodeo champ John Odom, figured they couldn't be defeated. Last year I didn't finish near the final four. But that was last year. I really enjoyed the competition "

Matas wins '84 Bus Rodeo



Michael Matas, 1984 CTA Bus Rodeo champion, raises his hand as Deputy Executive Director, Operations, Harry Reddick (left), announces Rodeo '84 results before employees at Forest Glen Garage where Matas is assigned. Standing next to the new champion is first runnerup Joe Rodenski, also of Forest Glen.

Michael Matas, the 1982 Rodeo "bridesmaid," and third place "show" in last year's competition, edged his garage mate and closest competitor, Joseph "Rodeo Joe" Rodenski by 16 seconds to take the 1984 championship.

Matas and Rodenski of Forest Glen finished the course with 667 points each as officials used the clock to break the tie. Rodenski garnered his points in six minutes, four seconds while Matas rapped it up in five minutes, 48 seconds. John Odom, the Bus Rodeo darling of 1982 and '83, was still in the money, finishing third with 657 points—10 points behind the new champion and runnerup.

Odom had said, since the garage competition of the 1982 Rodeo, that Matas was the man to beat. "He's the guy to watch because he doesn't rattle. Nothing seems to bother him, and he uses driving techniques similar to my own," Odom observed as late as last year.

Known on the Rodeo circuit as



John Odom, 69th Street Garage, third place winner in the annual Rodeo competition, thanks his co-workers for the support and congratulates Matas on his success. Odom had held the championship since 1982.

"Smooth and Easy," the 35-year old Matas, a 14-year CTA veteran, told Bus Rodeo Chairman William Thompson. "There never was any doubt in my mind that I was the best. All I really had to do was put the training I received from CTA to good use."

In his opinion of the Rodeo Matas, a line instructor, said, "It's great. It gives me a chance to show pride in myself, and my job. It also gives me a chance to display my driving skills."

Taking fourth place honors was Ladell Jackson of North Avenue with 636 points. All four winners are Rodeo veterans.

Matas and his guest will be the CTA recipients of the annual all-expense paid trip to the American Public Transit Association (APTA) convention to be held this year in Washington. There, like his Rodeo champion predecessors, Matas will represent CTA in the APTA International Bus Rodeo. The winner of that competition receives \$1,000 and a commemorative plaque.



Ladell Jackson, North Avenue Garage, beams proudly after being named fourth place winner in the 1984 Bus Rodeo competition.

Rodenski collected the \$500 savings bond awarded to the first runnerup, and will be the Matas backup to the APTA competition should the champion be unable to go to the nation's capital for the international contest.

Line instructor Odom received a \$200 savings bond for the 1984 third place position while Ladell Jackson was awarded a \$100 savings bond for his fourth place finish. The savings bonds and appropriate trophies for the four were presented September 21 at a Merchandise Mart M&M Club banquet honoring CTA's 1984 Bus Rodeo, Third Rail Roundup, and Ticket Agent TieUp winners.

At the garage-level competitions held in June, Odom, runnerup in the 1983 APTA competition at Denver, had led other contestants in the 1984 Winning Circle 20 with 624 points.

His closest competitors, all experienced Rodeo contestants, were Michael Matas, 617; Rufus Meeks, 601; Joe Rodenski, 600; and Ladell Jackson, 595. The top 20 drivers were selected according to scores earned in local garage competition held June 3 and 10 at Forest Glen and 77th Street garages.

The final competition, in which Matas was declared the 1984 winner, was held August 11 at Soldier Field. "We would like very much to see him bring the international championship back to our property," CTA Bus Rodeo Chairman Bill Thompson said of Matas.

The Bus Rodeo advisory committee this year included Thompson who is superintendent of Bus Instruction; Elonzo Hill, manager, Training/Instruction; Paul Kadowaki, director, Instruction, and Robert Desvignes, manager, Operations Administrative Services.

Two CTA operators among RTA honorees



Liborio Chavez (left), a CTA bus operator from North Avenue Garage, and Operator Dwayne Borom of Limits Garage, display the certificates of achievement presented to them by RTA Chairman John D. Kramer in recognition of their outstanding service.

Two CTA bus operators were among eight public transportation employees to recently share another \$2,000 of Regional Transportation Authority Chairman John D. Kramer's salary.

Dwayne Borom, 36, Limits Garage, and Liborio Chavez, 36, of North Avenue Garage, each received checks for \$250.00, and certificates of appreciation from the RTA chairman at a ceremony in his office. The first CTA recipients to be honored by Kramer, Rosemary Hoskins of North Park Garage, and Joe Jones of Jefferson Park Terminal, received their awards of \$250.00 each in May.

Liborio Chavez, a bus operator since 1980, formerly studied for the priesthood. He has established rapport with his riders through his mastery of six languages, as well as his friendly and patient manner.

In addition to speaking fluent English and Spanish, Chavez has a good working knowledge of Polish, Italian, French and Portuguese. His passengers have written of his com-

mand of languages as well as his friendly manner.

Dwayne Borom who joined CTA in 1970 has had the continued praises of his riders for his cheery disposition, his concern for his riders and his exceptionally neat appearance.

Other RTA recipients of the Employee Incentive awards were Frank Granger, NIRC Milwaukee District; Robert Hawker, NIRC, Rock Island; Dolores Koslowski, Suburban Bus District/Bolingbrook Park District paratransit; George Rettig, SBD/Transit Management, Waukegan; Dennis Schlei, Chicago and Northwestern; and Lora Ann Starnes, SBD/Commuter Bus Service, Naperville.

"No matter how much the RTA Board does to improve service — and I think we've done a lot — it's the drivers, conductors and ticket agents who make riding the RTA a pleasant experience," Kramer said. "These eight people are experts at public relations. Any transit system would be proud to have them. I'm glad they work for us."

Gallery of June Graduates in CTA Families

Here are the proudest pictures of the school year identified by name, school, parent, and parent's CTA work location.



TANYA L. ADELL
Hyde Park Career
Academy
Ethel Adell
West Section



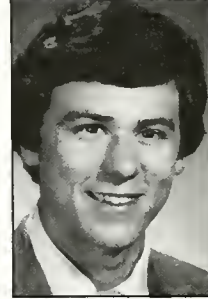
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BARKER**
College of Lake County
Allan R. Barker
Fac. Engr. & Maint.



**SHARON A.
BASSETT**
Proviso East H.S.
Fred L. Bossett
North Avenue



TAMMY BATZEL
Bremen H.S.
John Batzel
Control Center



**MICHAEL
BENSISH**
Driscoll Catholic H.S.
Ronald Benschish
Equip. Engr/Maint.



KRYSTAL BOOKER
St. Ignatius H.S.
Richard True
Archer



FRANK BRUNO JR.
East Leyden H.S.
Frank Bruno Sr.
Lawndale



**MICHELLE MARIE
BRUNO**
Taft H.S.
Robert R. Bruno
Madison/Wabash



URSULA BURNS
Academy of Our Lady
John W. Burns
District C



**CHRISTINE M.
CLIFFORD**
Wheaton Central H.S.
Patrick J. Clifford
Finance



RODNEY COLLINS
Mendel Catholic H.S.
James A. Collins
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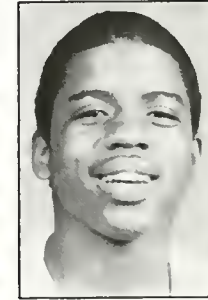
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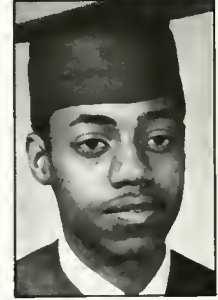
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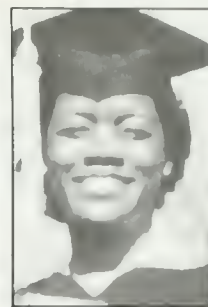
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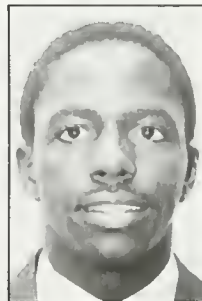
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Archer



TINA L. HARDY
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Willie E. Hardy
Archer



**CHARLES T.
HARPER**
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Charles N. Harper



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Corliss H.S.
Mildred Heath
77th Street



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Vic L. Johnson
Materials Management



**CHRISTOPHER A.
JONES**
Percy L. Julian H.S.
Allan M. Jones
95th Street



ERIC M. JONES
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95th Street



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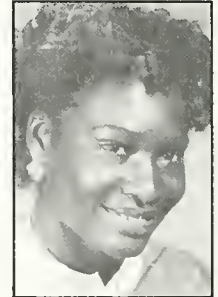
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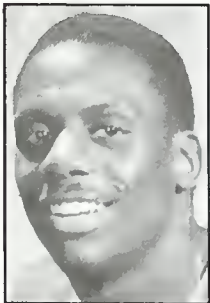
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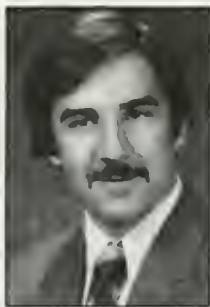
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North Park



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Whitney Young H.S.
Robert Williams
95th Street



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Prosser Voc. H.S.
Peter Zaccariello
Retired



ALONSO ZAPATA
Whitney Young
Carlos Zapata
Lawndale

Courageous, talented student is honored at Whitney high



Halfback Reginald Mott approaches fans during a Whitney Young high game. Mott, one of the school's oral and hearing handicapped students, will be a freshman next year at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

June 22 was commencement day at Whitney Young High School---a new beginning for its 1984 graduates who will soon step into different roles.

For Reginald Mott, 18, the new beginning will be in August when, like many other freshmen, he will report to Northern Illinois University. Ordinarily, going off to college is not so unusual, but Reggie, as he is known by friends, is not an ordinary young man.

The son of CTA bus service supervisor James Mott, Reggie was born deaf and mute. He leaves Whitney Young as perhaps one of its most popular students, and certainly one of its most courageous athletes. Mott was a member of the high school's football team throughout his four years at Whitney Young.

He is credited with scoring one touchdown for the Whitney Young Dolphins in the 1983-84 season. Another Mott TD was nullified on a penalty. On Senior Honors Day, the young halfback was the recipient of the Outstanding Athlete Award. Gerald Prince, Whitney Young's football coach and instructor of the oral and hearing impaired students, said not only was Reggie a letter winner each year, "but he is a personality plus guy.

"He is a very good role model---a sensitive and cooperative person, and a very popular student. We had 2,400 students at Whitney Young this year---200 among the oral and hear-

ing impaired. I think every one of our students knows Reggie, and all manage to communicate with him," said the coach. "He is popular with everybody," he added.

William F. Pahle, coordinator of City-wide High School Hearing Impaired Programs, noted that Mott also has an affinity for math and science, and is talented in arts and crafts. His skill as a craftsman was demonstrated at the Museum of Science and Industry recently, when his handcrafted lamp was the only Whitney Young arts craft work selected to be shown with first place exhibited items in the city-wide high school arts and crafts competition. Mott's father said his son's achievement at the exhibition stimulated a lot of family pride.

"We are certainly going to miss Reggie at Whitney Young, but he will be remembered for a long time by all of us," said Pahle. "He comes from a loving, caring family and he has done very well."

Smargons attend graduation of grandson



Jonathan L. Hilder, grandson of CTA retiree Sam Smargon and son of Mr. and Mrs. Syd Hilder of Chicago, was awarded a baccalaureate degree in business administration from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, May 12.

Retiree Smargon, and his wife Miriam, life-long residents of Chicago, now reside in Tamarac, Florida, where they are enjoying retirement.

The Smargons are also looking forward to the joyous occasion in November when they return to Chicago for the wedding of another grandson, Allen Hilder. An older grandson, Phillip H. Hilder, was recently appointed to the U.S. District Attorney's Office in Houston, TX. All three of the Smargon grandsons are graduates of the University of Iowa.

HMO opens 30-day enrollment

CTA employees wishing to join one of the eight Health Maintenance Organizations may enroll during the month of October when the annual 30-day enrollment period is open.

The eight HMO plans open for membership are Cooperative Health, Anchor, HAP, Maxicare/Intergroup, Michael Reese, Prucare, Union, and Chicago HMO. Enrollment packages are available at all work locations, and provide a comparison of benefits under HMOs and the present Comprehensive Medical Plan. Specific enrollment authorization cards are included in each package.

An HMO provides health care on a prepayment basis with emphasis on comprehensive and preventive treatment. The plan offers complete care including specialist referrals, and laboratory and hospital services. Although an HMO does not provide dental service, the CTA employee choosing an HMO will not lose this benefit. Dental care is still provided as under the Travelers Comprehensive Medical Plan with the usual reimbursement procedures.

The HMO program is an alternative to the Travelers Comprehensive Medical Plan and is strictly voluntary. The CTA will contribute the same amount toward any HMO plan for an employee as it does for the Travelers Comprehensive Medical Plan. However, persons who wish to remain with the comprehensive program are not obligated to change their health care plans. For additional information, employees should contact the Insurance Department on ext. 3618.

SPSA finalist



James F. Marshall (left), superintendent, Grievance/Arbitration Processes, Labor Relations, displays the certificate of recognition presented him as a finalist for the 1984 Superior Public Service Awards. Extending congratulations to Marshall is Andrew Schmidt, acting manager, Labor Relations.

More June Graduates



Mrs. LOUISE GOODRICH
Chicago State
University, MS Ed
Juarez Goodrich
North Avenue



ELISE L. NOBLE
Whitney Young H.S.
Roger Noble
North Avenue

Wedding Plans



Bus repairman Derrick Smith, South Shops, and his fiancée, Miss Andrea Bryant, have announced wedding plans for October 13 at her south suburban Markham family home. Smith, a CTA employee since April 1981, and his bride will make their home on Chicago's south side. Miss Bryant who is the daughter of Ms. Alma Bryant McKinstry, and James W. Bryant, is employed by the U.S. Customs Service.

Journeymen painters

Robert D. Kuropas, and Richard Chacon were recently elevated to journeymen painters at their South Shops location. Kuropas joined CTA in 1977, and Chacon in 1978.

Both men started their CTA careers as bus servicers, and became apprentice painters in 1980. Painters are required to serve a four-year apprenticeship before being elevated to journeymen.

Service anniversaries in June

40 Years

John Ruddle, Tire Insp. Ctr.

35 Years

Martin Morrison, Dist. A
Eugene Poduch, Fac. Engr./Maint.

30 Years

Raymond Brennan, North Avenue
Wendell Edwards, Limits
Lawrence Hart, North Avenue
Aaron Henderson, Bus Service
Robert Johnson, Archer
William Lee, Dist. A
Willie McCann Jr., Beverly
Silas Severson, Substation Maint.
Charles Sides, Archer
Erving Weiler, Beverly

25 Years

Edward Ahlbrand, Procurement Engrs.
David Arreguin, North Park
Frank Bailey, Archer
Isaac Beal, Near South
Richard Bell, 69th Street
Walter Brozek Sr., Escalator Maint.
Harland Christ, Elect. Engr./Maint.
Frank English, Elect. Engr./Maint.
Clarence Garski, North Park
Velma Husband, South Section
Joseph Johnson, Escalator Maint.
Lester Racker, Commun/Power Control
Richard Reese Jr., Dist. C
Mary Ritter, West Section
Ronald Swindell, Power/Sig. Commun.
Frank Wischler, Forest Glen

Service anniversaries in July

35 Years

Daniel Bore, Douglas/Congress
Rufus Robinsin, Dist. D

30 Years

Floyd Burns, South Section
John Golden Jr., North Park
Tyronza Hancock, North Park
Elmer Herron, South Shops
Charles Hill, E/H Special Services
Wilson Holmes Jr., 69th Street
Lacy Jackson, 77th Street
Donald Kuratnik, Archer

25 Years

Robert Adams, Forest Glen
Thomas Boyle, Safety Assurance
Richard Brown Jr., Archer
David Driver, 77th Street
Nick Gallo, Fac. Engr./Maint.
David Gordon, 69th Street
Robert Gorz, Stores-West
Hugh Haynes, North Avenue
Charles Jurkus, Stores-South
Michael Kelly, Elect. Engr./Maint.
Shirley Knight, North Section
Chester Larkin, Dist. A
Fred Lorenz, Washington Garage
Noel McNamara, Fac. Engr./Maint.
Richard Nelson, Fac. Engr./Maint.
Richard Paschal, North Park
Beauford Robinson, 77th Street
Willie Shephard, 77th Street
Earl Smith, Limits

June Pensioners

JOSEPH ATKINS, Garage Asst. Frmn.,
69th Street, Emp. 5-21-51
GEORGE DREY, Carpenter Leader,
South Shops, Emp. 3-2-50
MICHAEL FAHEY, Car Repairman A,
Rosemont, Emp. 1-9-50
BERNARD KILLACKY, Personnel Invstgtr.,
Blue Island, Emp. 5-11-59
GEORGE MATHEWS, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 5-10-48
GRADY MATTISON, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 5-11-59
FRANCIS MAY, Bus & Truck Mech. Frmn.,
South Shops, Emp. 4-18-41
DANIEL MURPHY, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 3-7-49
LEROY NUTALL, Rail Janitor,
Madison & Wabash, Emp. 1-24-57
CHRISTOPHER O'BRIEN, Carpenter Frmn.,
West Shops, Emp. 9-16-57
JEROME PAVEL, Bus & Truck Mech. Frmn.,
South Shops, Emp. 3-29-54
RALPH ROBINSON, Car Repairman B,
Equip. Engr. & Maint., Emp. 7-3-51
LESLIE ROSS, Instructor,
Archer, Emp. 3-21-50
NICK SIMONETTI, Unit Supervisor,
South Shops, Emp. 5-12-41
ROSCOE WILSON, Supervisor,
Central District, Emp. 3-18-52
THEODORE ZAWISTOWSKI, Bus Servicer,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-15-47

Disability Retirements

JOSEPHINE COLEMAN, Clerk,
West Shops, Emp. 10-28-56
ANTONIO GRAY, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 12-28-70
LORRAINE ORR, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 3-18-67
HILARIO ROSAS, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-26-68
CHARLES SNYDER, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 8-11-66
SHEILA WATKINS, Bus Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 12-9-74

July Pensioners

ROBERT BAGBY, Janitor,
North Avenue, Emp. 5-19-65
JAMES BLAA, Spec. Asst. to Exec. Dir.,
Executive Office, Emp. 2-25-42
ARNOLD CHRISTENSEN, Bus Operator
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-9-63
JOHN DUFFY, Money Handler,
South Shops, Emp. 2-22-43
WENDELL EDWARDS, Bus Operator,
Limits, Emp. 6-10-54
RAYMOND GRAHAM, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-12-45
COLUMBUS GRAY, JR., Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 3-17-55
GERARD GULLERY, Elect. Wrkr.,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 7-5-48
LAWRENCE HART, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-7-54
ROY JONES, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 12-12-57
ROBERT LaVOIE, Schedule Maker,
Operations Planning, Emp. 9-17-41
WILLIE McCANN, Bus Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 6-17-54
WILLIE MEADOWS, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 1-12-53

PERCY RIDDICK, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 9-30-57
CHARLES SIDES, Collector,
Archer, Emp. 6-28-54
GROVER SMITH, Instructor,
Forest Glen, Emp. 4-6-61
JAMES SPRAAGS, Bus Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 1-22-52
NICHOLAS SUERO, Car Repairman A,
Des Plaines, Emp. 3-2-48
WILLIAM SZABELSKI, Elect. Wrkr.,
South Shops, Emp. 6-12-51
JAMES WHITE, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 10-10-55
EDWIN WOJDYLA, Supervisor,
District D, Emp. 5-21-46

Disability Retirements

WILLA HAYWOOD, Clerk,
North Section, Emp. 4-29-70
DOUGLAS MOSELEY, Rail Janitor,
Madison & Wabash, Emp. 12-21-70
JOHN MURRAY, Warehouse Wrkr. I,
63rd Lower Yard, Emp. 3-28-72
GEORGE RIVERA, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-12-66

IN MEMORIAM

SANTO BARBARO, 85, Stores,
Emp. 8-22-29, Died 5-3-84
JAMES CAREY, 67, South Section,
Emp. 10-23-43, Died 5-24-84
RAYMOND DALKE, 72, Forest Glen,
Emp. 8-12-43, Died 5-3-84
PAUL FIDANZE, 68, Blue Island,
Emp. 12-30-42, Died 5-17-84
WILLIAM FLATLEY, 78, South Shops,
Emp. 10-17-30, Died 5-1-84
LUDWIG GUST, 85, Kedzie,
Emp. 9-10-29, Died 5-21-84
EMIL HANSEN, 90, Transportation,
Emp. 3-25-19, Died 5-12-84
CHARLES HASLAM, 71, 54th Street,
Emp. 5-21-37, Died 5-24-84
SAMUEL JACOBS, 76, Engineering,
Emp. 12-16-42, Died 5-6-84
QUINTON JAMES, 60, West Shops,
Emp. 4-10-52, Died 5-18-84
ALOYSIUS KOLMAN, 61, West Shops,
Emp. 7-22-47, Died 5-20-84
ROBERT LINK, 87, Const. & Maint.,
Emp. 2-26-19, Died 5-17-84
ALBERT LONES, 79, South Shops,
Emp. 2-20-42, Died 4-30-84
HELEN LYNCH, 84, West Section,
Emp. 2-1-29, Died 5-7-84
THOMAS LYONS, 67, Veh. Maint.,
Emp. 6-29-49, Died 5-24-84
RICHARD McAULIFFE, 79, North Park,
Emp. 11-15-27, Died 5-4-84
EARL McLAUGHLIN, 69, Claims,
Emp. 2-10-43, Died 5-14-84
MARGUERITE McMAHON, 81, West Section,
Emp. 7-16-26, Died 5-1-84
WILLIAM McMAHON, 81, Lawndale,
Emp. 2-26-34, Died 5-4-84
WARREN POTTS, 60, Kedzie,
Emp. 7-27-23, Died 5-10-84
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Emp. 7-20-29, Died 5-30-84
FRED RIECKE, 79, West Section,
Emp. 7-25-27, Died 5-22-84
JOHN SUDA, 73, Transportation,
Emp. 9-30-37, Died 5-10-84
OTTO WEBER, 83, West Section,
Emp. 8-27-23, Died 5-20-84
JOSEPH WINTERS, 71, Archer,
Emp. 9-26-40, Died 5-5-84

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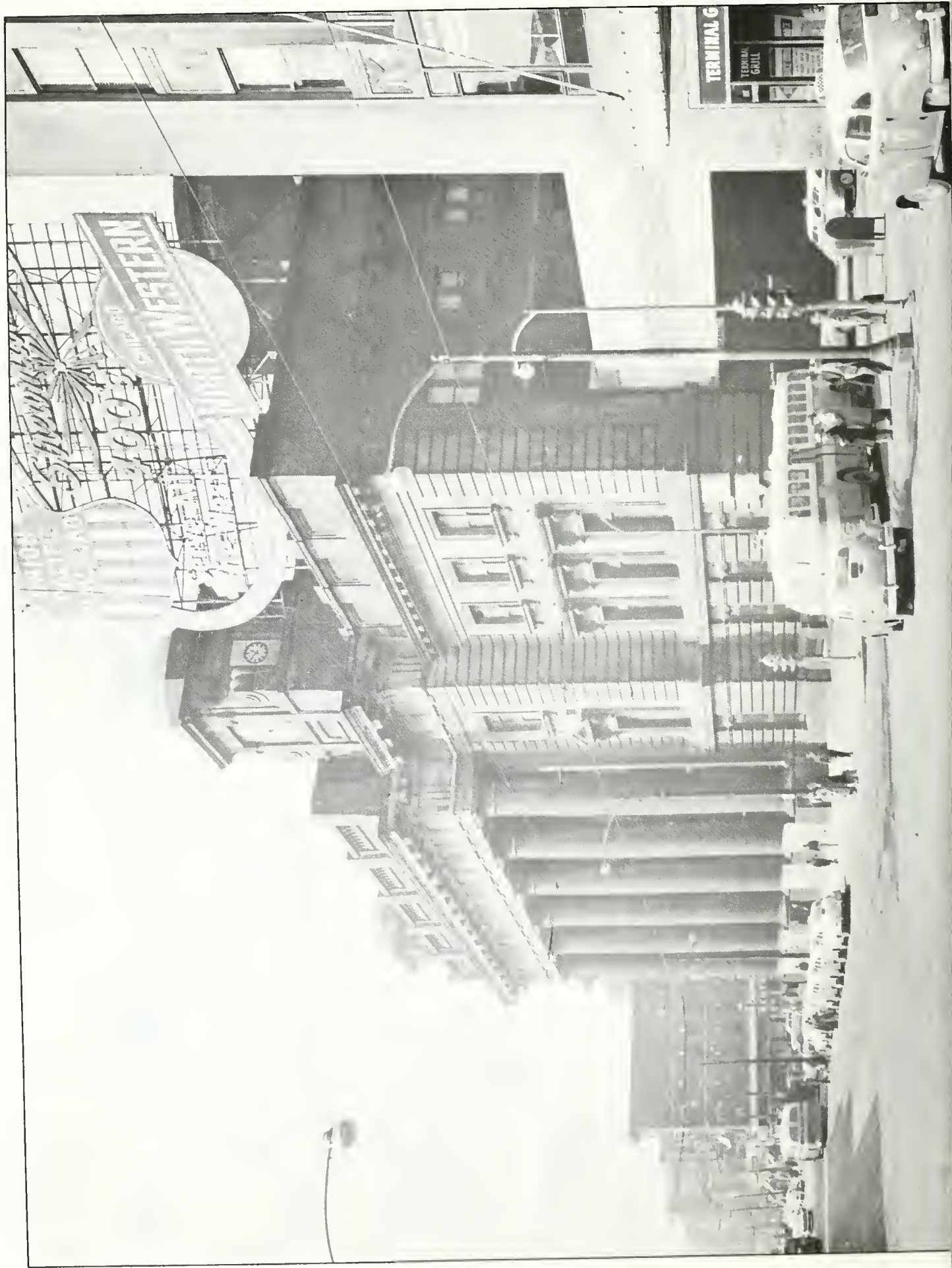




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3 A	4 B	5 C	6 D	7 E	8 F	9 G
10 G	11 A	12 B Lincoln's Birthday	13 C	14 D Valentine's Day	15 E	16 F
17 F	18 G Washington's Birthday (Observed)	19 A Shrove Tuesday	20 B Ash Wednesday	21 C	22 D Washington's Birthday	23 E
24 E	25 F	26 G	27 A	28 B		



A westbound Garfield or Douglas train enters the Marshfield station shortly before demolition of the Metropolitan West Side 'L' structure in 1953.

March 1985

Chicago Transit Authority

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31 G Palm Sunday						

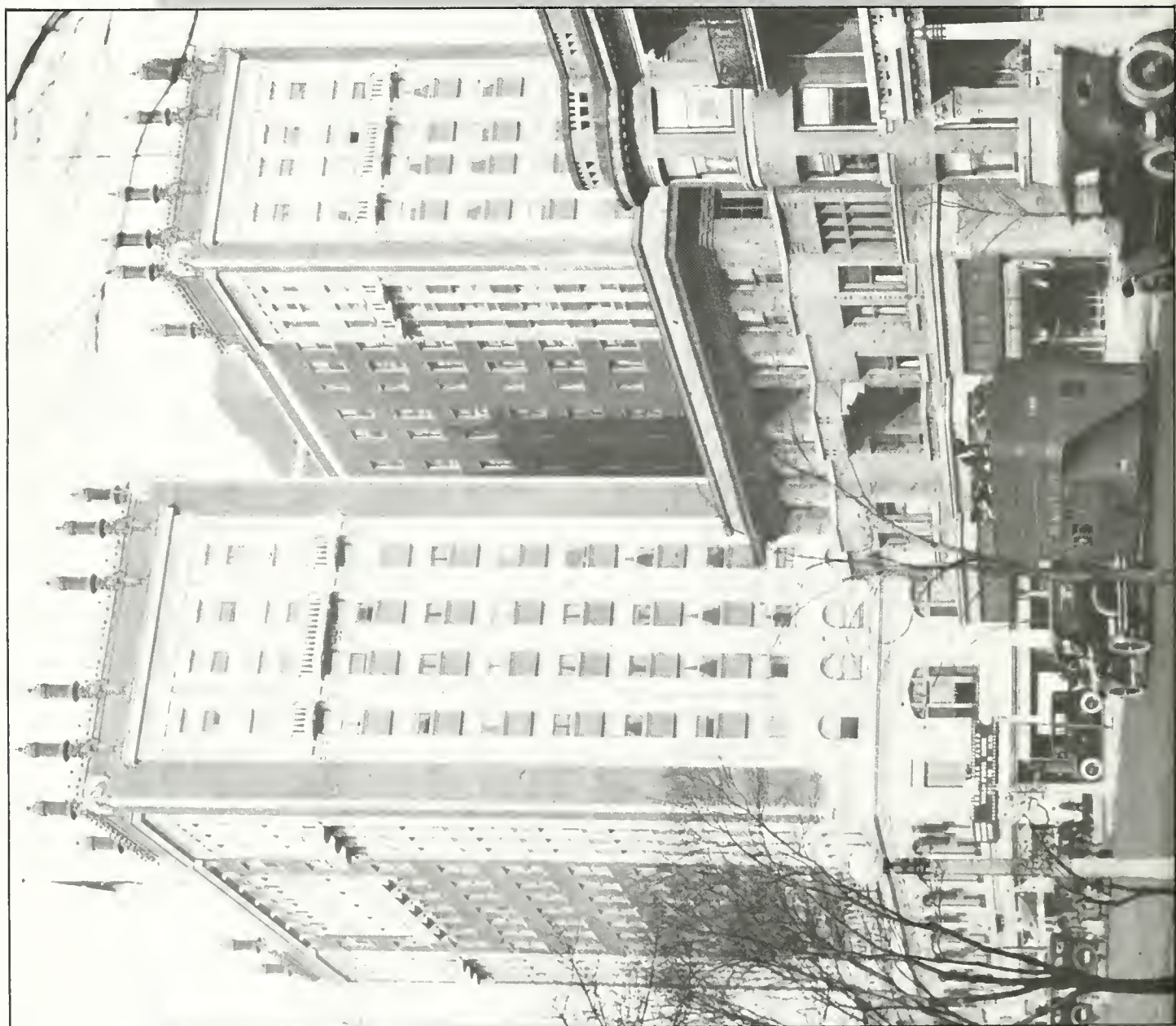


State Street cars like this 6000-series Brill, southbound on Michigan at 111th Street, were a direct link to downtown for Roseland residents in 1934.

April 1985

Chicago Transit Authority

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 A	2 B	3 C	4 D	5 E	6 F Passover (First Day)
7 F Easter	8 G	9 A	10 B	11 C	12 D	13 E
14 E	15 F	16 G	17 A	18 B	19 C	20 D
21 D	22 E	23 F	24 G	25 A	26 B	27 C
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Open-top double-deckers, like this Sheridan Road bus at Wilson in 1921, carried riders between downtown and Devon Avenue along "The Boulevard Route."

May 1985

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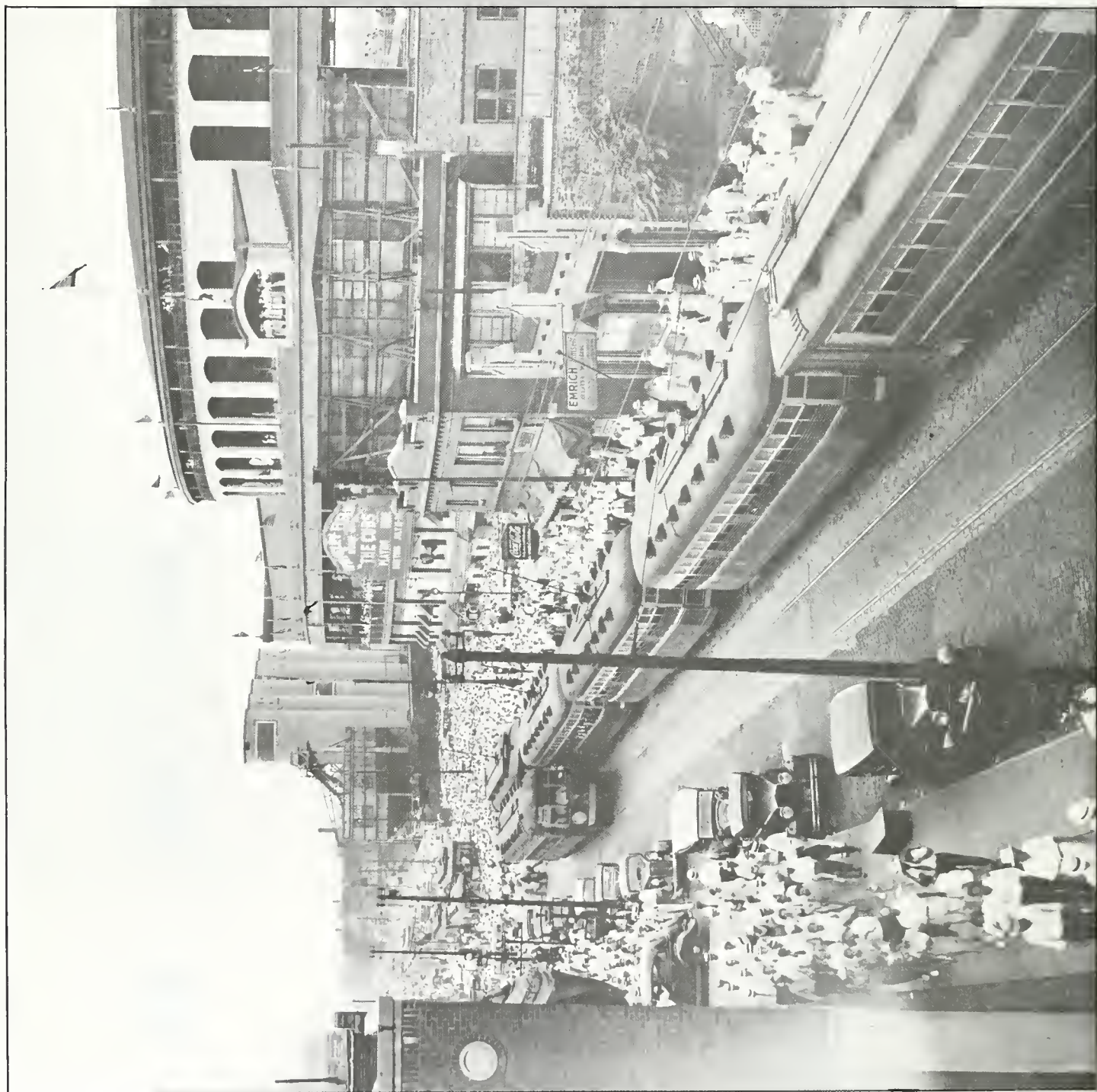


Pullman-built cars of the Northwestern Elevated Railroad, like this train at Chicago Avenue, ran on the left side when service was started in 1900.

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Chicago Surface Lines streetcars waited in both directions along Clark at Addison to take Cubs fans home during the pennant-winning summer of 1935.

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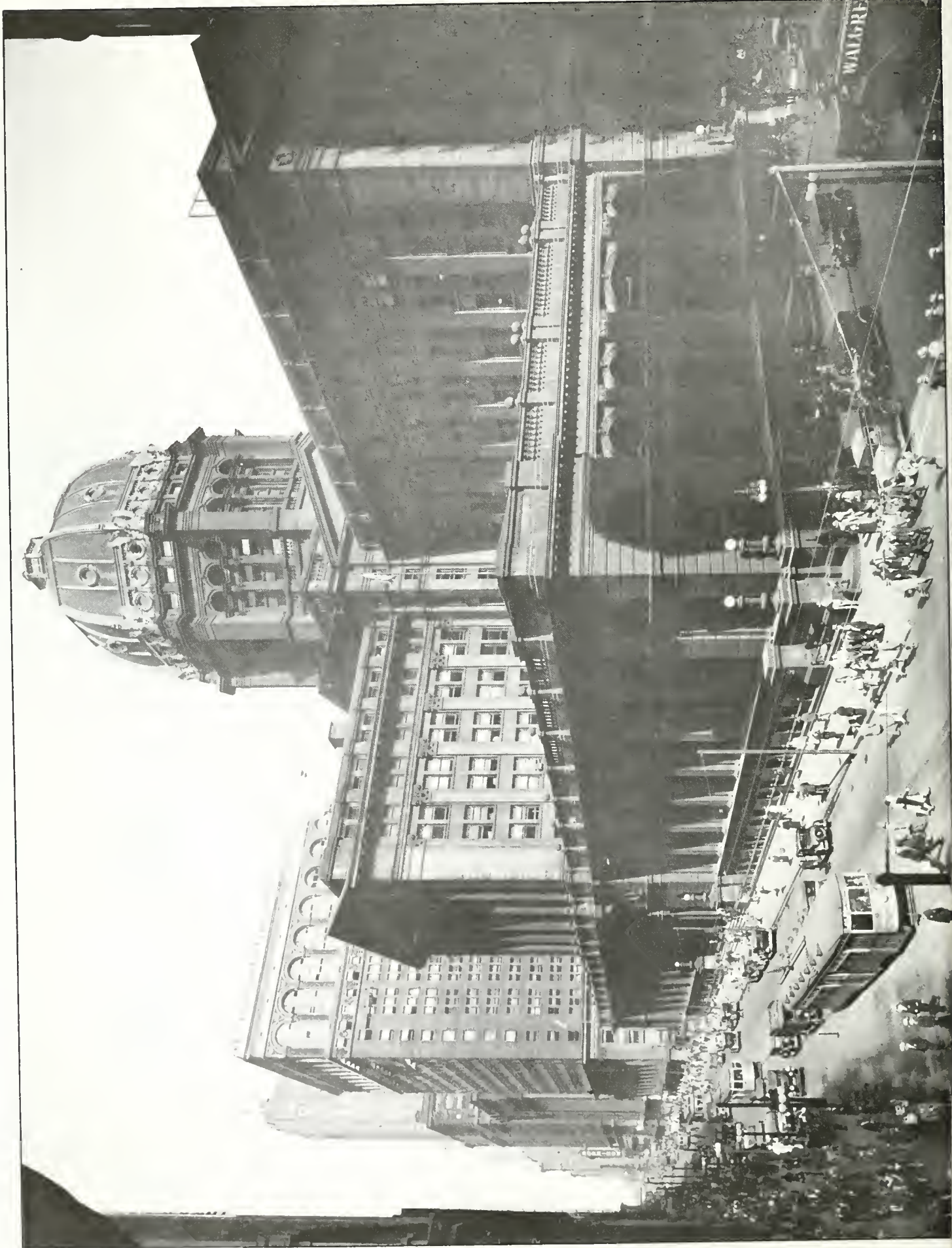
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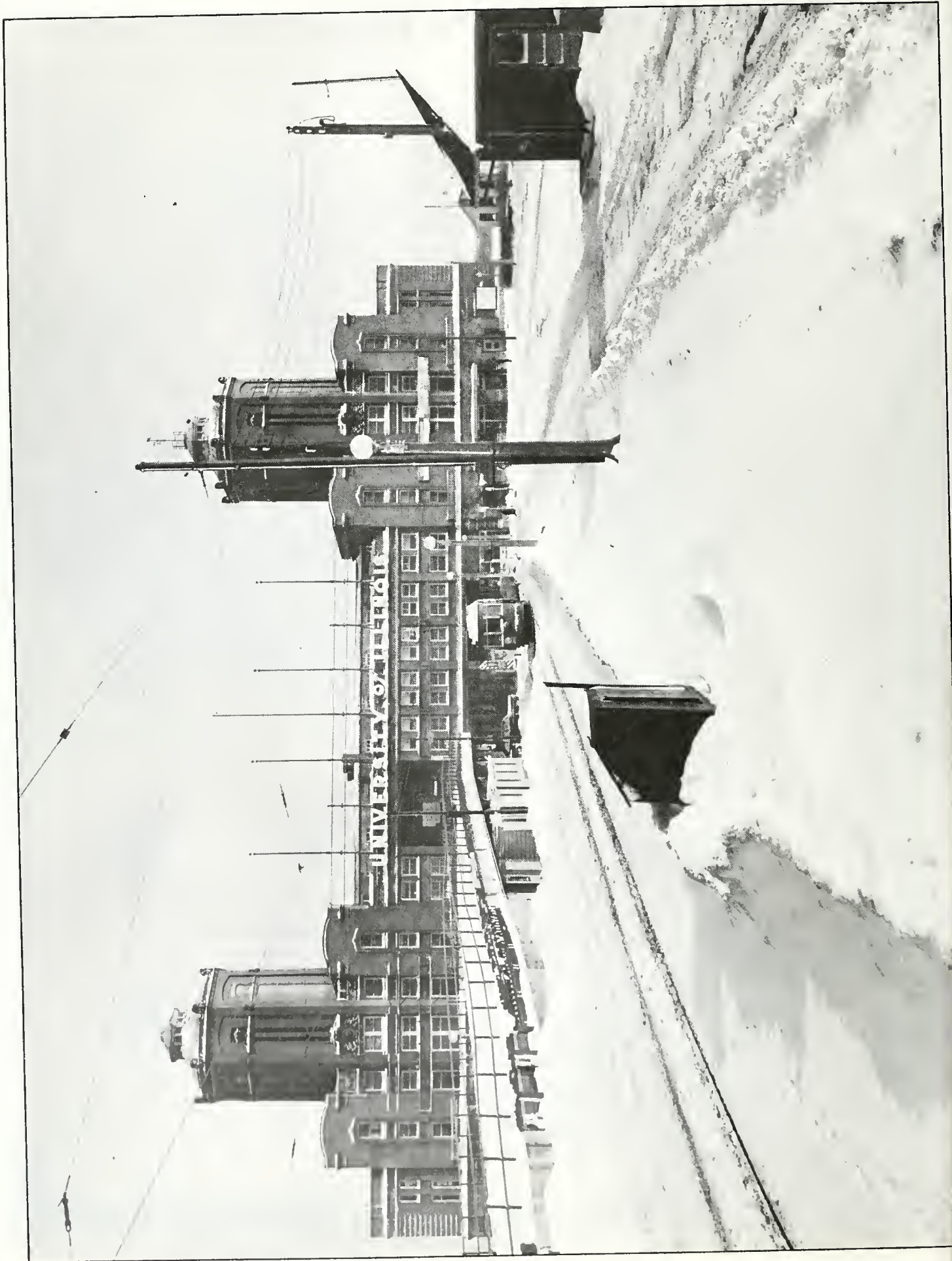
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In the late 1940's, a Grand Avenue "Old Pullman" waits to head west to Harlem Avenue at the Navy Pier terminal also used by Stony Island Cars.

December 1985

Chicago Transit Authority

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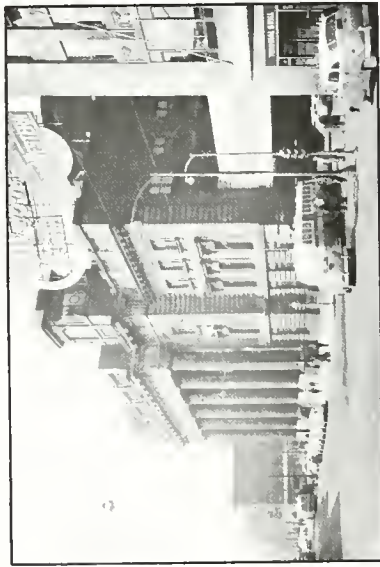
JANUARY

Traffic on Wacker Drive was light in this 1955 photo showing a No. 149 Michigan-State-Wacker bus crossing Dearborn Street on its way from the Merchandise Mart to the Soldier Field parking lot. The 1300-series General Motors bus was bought in 1947 by the Chicago Motor Coach Company, which operated the service until merging with CTA in 1952. Dearborn and Clark were already one-way streets, and tracks built for southbound traffic along Dearborn Street as far as Kinzie were used at this time by northbound Clark-Wentworth through-routed streetcars so safety islands could be built in the middle of the street.



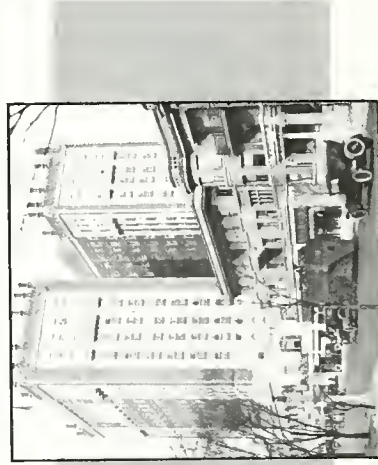
APRIL

Nearing the end of a long trip from the Loop, a State Street car stops on Michigan Avenue at 111th Street in the heart of Roseland in 1934. The 1914-era, 6000-series Brill car was among the first streetcars bought by Chicago City Railways under Chicago Surface Lines management. In 1937, State Street cars were through-routed over a 26-mile stretch from 119th and Morgan to Devon and Kedzie, making this the longest line in Chicago. By contrast, the 111th Street line that crossed Michigan at this point was a single-track operation that extended less than three miles from Vincennes to St. Lawrence Avenue.



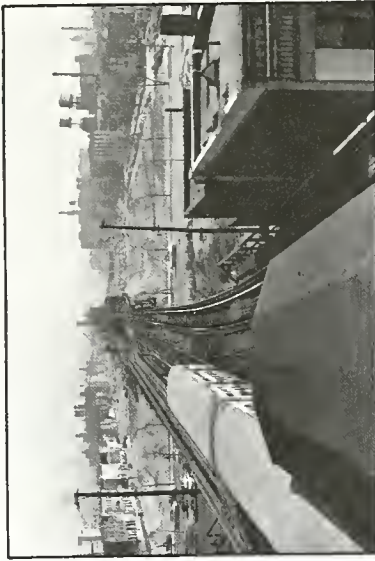
FEBRUARY

Streetcar wires still in place on Madison Street date this view west from Canal Street to early 1954, shortly after the last PCC cars were taken off Madison. Twin Coach propane buses of the 5000 series may be seen turning north into Canal along the No. 56 Milwaukee route, as well as east and westbound on the No. 20 Madison route. Cabs waited at the Madison Street entrance to North Western Station where, as the huge sign indicates, North Western trains shared terminal facilities with streamliners of the Union Pacific Railroad. The station itself is currently being replaced by a 40-story office tower.



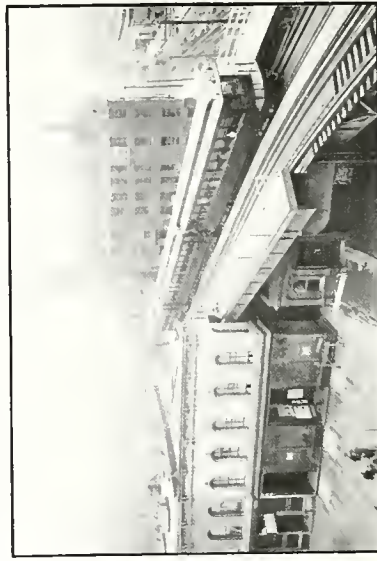
MAY

The Sheridan Plaza Hotel had just opened when this photo was taken showing a Sheridan Road bus heading north at Wilson Avenue in 1921. Service downtown from Devon Avenue had been established four years earlier by the Chicago Motor Bus Company, using open-top, double-deck buses from the St. Louis Car Company. Besides another bus route downtown from Wilson, Uptown residents could take 'L' trains from a two-level station nearby along Broadway directly to Kenwood, Jackson Park, or Englewood, on the South Side, and north to Wilmette. Wilson was also a stop for North Shore interurban electric trains to Milwaukee.



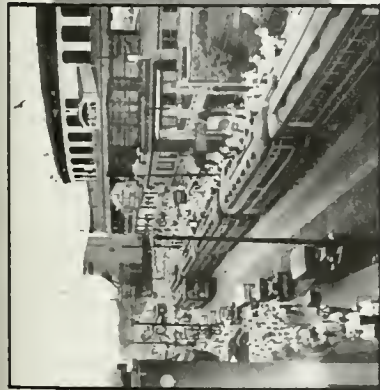
MARCH

Most of the buildings adjacent to the Metropolitan West Side 'L' had already been torn down for construction of the Congress Expressway when this photo was taken looking east from the Marshfield station early in 1953. Right-of-way was being prepared for ground-level service along Van Buren Street (left) so the 'L' structure itself could be demolished. A westbound Garfield or Douglas train with 6000-series St. Louis cars enters the station after crossing tracks once used by Loop-bound Logan Square and Humboldt Park trains. The Throop Street shop looms in the distance, beyond the Laflin Street station.



JUNE

Work was still being completed on the Chicago Avenue station and platform in this view looking north at Franklin Street in 1900. Service had just begun on the Northwestern Elevated Railroad downtown from Wilson Avenue, and trains ran on the left side. Although all the cars shown were built by Pullman in 1899, only the lead car, which later became part of the 1000 series, had motor power. The others (1100 series) were trailers. Conversion to multiple-unit operation came in 1901. The streetcar tracks in the background on Franklin served the Elm-Franklin line, which ran from Elm and Crosby to Franklin and Hubbard Streets.



JULY

Heavy ridership for home games at Wrigley Field didn't start with the 1984 season, as this view north on Clark from Eddy Street demonstrates. Lined up to carry Cubs fans home during the pennant-winning summer of 1935, Clark-Wentworth streetcars wait end to end in both directions. Last car northbound (lower right) is one of the original 600 "Big Pullman" cars purchased in 1908 by the Chicago Railway Company. Ahead of it are three front-entry 1929-model "sedan" cars, famous for their upholstered leather bucket seats. Heading south with a full load is a "sun parlor" car built by the Chicago Surface Lines in 1923.



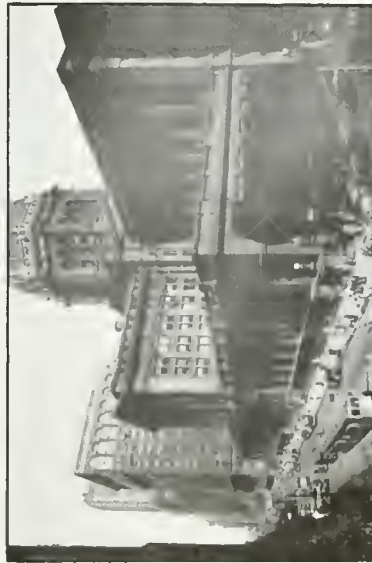
OCTOBER

Dual headlights and springs on the sides of the cars help date this photo of a Loop-bound Logan Square train at Damen to late 1950. The first 130 6000-series cars purchased by CTA from the St. Louis Car Company also had outside conductor positions. The tower just north of the station was never used to control trains. It was built to handle Humboldt Park service and switches at Evergreen, but once the Dearborn subway was opened in 1951, no trains used the Marshfield structure north of Lake. The Humboldt Park line had already been cut back to a shuttle service early in 1950, and was discontinued in 1952.



AUGUST

Policemen in puttees and Chicago Surface Lines supervisors kept traffic moving around the Chicago Stadium in this view west on Madison from Wood Street in 1940. Nazi troops had just completed their takeover of most of Western Europe when delegates arrived for the Democratic National Convention, where Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for a third term as President. PCC streetcars built by the St. Louis Car Company were in their fifth year of service on the No. 20 Madison route, taking riders from Dearborn and Monroe Streets downtown to terminals at either Madison and Austin Avenue or Fifth Avenue and Pulaski Road.



NOVEMBER

For more than a century, the Federal Government has occupied the block bounded by Clark and Dearborn, Jackson and Adams. The imposing Court House and Post Office building that stood there from 1904 till the mid-1960's has been replaced by the modern Kluczynski office building, a single-story Post Office, and a plaza along Dearborn Street. In this early 1930's view north on Clark from Jackson, a "sedan" streetcar built by the Cummings Car Company in 1929 heads from Howard toward its south terminal at 81st and Halsted Streets. Clark-Wentworth was a through-routed line for almost 50 years, beginning in 1908.



SEPTEMBER

Open-top double-deckers of the Chicago Motor Coach Company may be seen heading in both directions on Michigan Avenue in this 1926 view looking north at Monroe Street. Many of the 284 double-deckers purchased in 1923 and '24 from the Yellow Coach Company of Chicago were used on the Sheridan, Diversey, and Clarendon-Wilson routes, which came downtown from the North Side, on Washington and Jackson routes from the West Side, and on Drexel-Hyde Park and Garfield routes from the South Side. Aside from the addition of Willoughby Towers at 8 South Michigan in 1929, the skyline north to Randolph Street has changed little over the years.



DECEMBER

Navy Pier was opened in 1916. Grand Avenue streetcars ran all the way out to the east end of the storage sheds along an upper-level right-of-way that was entered from the main street on the left. Service was cut back to a street-level terminus at Dearborn Street well before this late 1940's photo of an "ullman" waiting to head west to Harlem. From 1921 until the Outer Drive was completed in 1937, the pier also was served by Chicago Avenue streetcars, which ran on open track along the lake to a loop on the north side of Grand. The pier was used by the Navy during World War II, and later by the University of Illinois.

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Front Cover

Transit history was made on September 3, 1984, with the opening of CTA's new three-track O'Hare Terminal at O'Hare. The main parking garage at O'Hare in operation at O'Hare at completion of the O'Hare Extension provides a 3,000-space parking lot between the airport and the new O'Hare Terminal. With completion of the O'Hare Terminal, the CTA will have a total of 10,000 parking spaces.

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OPENING

Kennedy rapid transit service extended to O'Hare

Mayor Harold Washington presents a City of Chicago Flag to Illinois Governor James R. Thompson and CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli. Thompson and Cardilli then placed the flag on the left front of the inaugural train to O'Hare Terminal.



The convenience of the union of air travel and rail travel is dramatically demonstrated at the taxiway bridge on the Kennedy Expressway.

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abor Day, 1984, marked an historic event for CTA and the City of Chicago as a CTA eight-car train completed its maiden run to O'Hare International Airport from River road.

The long-anticipated extension of service along the Kennedy Expressway rapid transit line from downtown to O'Hare, the world's busiest airport, was now a reality.

At River road where the ceremonies began, CTA Chairman Michael Cardilli and Governor James Thompson placed the Chicago flag, which Mayor Washington had given them, on the front of the train.

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At the inaugural ceremony in the new O'Hare Terminal, CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli proclaims, *"The most important aspect of the O'Hare Extension is the added convenience to riders on the finest transportation system in the nation."* Other speakers who lauded the transit improvement were Illinois Governor James R. Thompson, Illinois Senator Charles A. Percy, Mayor Harold Washington, and UMTA Administrator Ralph L. Stanley.

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More than 500 guests and rail enthusiasts boarded the train for this historic first ride. Dignitaries aboard the "A' Train to O'Hare" included Governor Thompson, Mayor Washington, U.S. Senator Charles Percy, Chairman Cardilli, members of both CTA and RTA boards, suburban mayors, aldermen, and community organizations.

As the train left River road, the sounds of the Dixie Ramblers band echoed throughout the station, and hundreds of well wishers lined the platform.

As the train entered O'Hare terminal, its passengers were greeted by what has been called "Chicago's newest art gallery." The O'Hare station, designed by the world-renowned architectural firm of Murphy/Jahn, is striking in its size and splashes of color. The walls are a rainbow of colors, created through the use of undulating backlit floor-to-ceiling glass blocks. This serpentine design creates the feeling of motion and openness.

Upon conclusion of the formal ceremonies at O'Hare, including speeches by both Mayor Washington and Chairman Cardilli, jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie and the Dizzy Gillespie Quartet broke into the Duke Ellington classic—"Take the 'A' Train"—symbolizing the first in-service train to arrive at O'Hare. Guests attended a reception in the terminal area and CTA provided free rides from O'Hare throughout the day.

Completion of the 7.9 mile section from Jefferson Park to O'Hare was the culmination of more than 14 years of planning and engineering.



With its colorful, serpentine, backlit, glass-block walls and spacious interior, O'Hare Terminal has been called "Chicago's newest art gallery."

After the inaugural ceremony, dignitaries and guests enjoyed a reception hosted by Carson International Inc.



Since 1970 when CTA and the City of Chicago dedicated the original 5.2 miles of the Kennedy rapid transit line (Logan Square to Jefferson Park), CTA transit experts and City Department of Public Works planners were preparing for the eventual expansion of the West-Northwest rapid transit line to O'Hare.

Total cost of the O'Hare extension, which was funded through the state and

Chicago to O'Hare International Airport will have a positive impact on an already powerful central business district.

"Another benefit of this rapid transit line, is the tremendous growth of residential, commercial, and hotel development along the Kennedy expressway corridor towards O'Hare. The expansion of the West-Northwest rapid transit line is, in large measure, responsible for the area's growth.

"However, the single most important aspect of the O'Hare extension is the convenience to the riding public. Now, thousands more commuters, shoppers, travelers, and airport employees are able to take advantage of the finest public transit system in the nation."

In addition to the pleasing aesthetics, the O'Hare extension boasts state of the art technology. Trains passing through the Rosemont yard and into the O'Hare terminal are switched by a new interlocking system. This computerized system provides smooth, efficient routing of trains. Further, it provides precise train identification via centralized traffic control screens in the Merchandise Mart Control Room.

Once inside the 2.2 miles of subway (entering the O'Hare terminal), trains run on "direct fixation design" trackage. This is the most modern, up-to-date track fastening system in use. It reduces noise and vibration, adding to passenger comfort.

High technology combined with passenger comfort and convenience make the 35-minute trip from downtown to O'Hare airport along the West-Northwest rapid transit line one of the finest examples of public transportation in the nation.

From the Chairman

Entering the Air Age

All Chicagoans, especially transit riders, had reason to celebrate this Labor day when CTA's rapid transit system entered the Air Age. The completion of the O'Hare Extension to our new terminal facility at O'Hare International Airport provides a 35-minute link between the world's busiest airport and downtown Chicago, one of the world's greatest business centers.

By far the most important benefit of this new service is the convenient and economical transportation that can now be enjoyed by airport employees, airline passengers, and residents of our metropolitan area. Because the O'Hare service links air travel to our entire rapid transit and bus system, many more riders can now avoid the traffic tie-ups, the rush-hour delays, and the expense of driving. This will contribute to an improved life-style for all Chicagoans, as symbolized by the City of Chicago Flag that Governor Thompson, Mayor Washington and I installed on the inaugural train.

I congratulate the Chicago Department of Public Works, the architectural and construction firms, and the CTA engineers and other employees who worked together to make Chicago's latest transportation marvel an aesthetic and operational success. And I thank the federal and state governments, which have continually endorsed transit through capital funding.

While it is important that we improve our transportation facilities, it is also most important that all CTA employees continue to increase their job knowledge and improve their job performance. For this reason, I congratulate all employees who entered or supported the Bus Roadeo, Third Rail Roundup, and Ticket Agent TieUp competitions. While we have already presented special honors to the winners of these competitions, we must also recognize all participants who improved themselves through these programs and helped make these programs a continuing and increasing success.

Michael R. Cardillo



On the entrance level of the River Road station, dignitaries and guests enjoy coffee and conversation while awaiting the arrival of the inaugural O'Hare train.

federal governments, was \$196 million.

The complete O'Hare extension, which operates in the median of the Kennedy expressway, includes four stations — three intermediate stations which opened in 1983 at Harlem avenue, Cumberland avenue, and River road; and the O'Hare terminal at the airport.

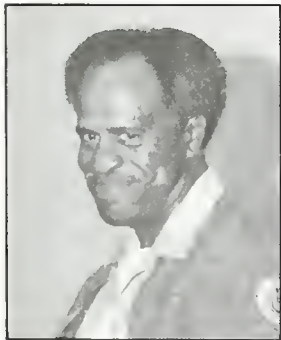
Acknowledging the value of the O'Hare extension, Chairman Cardillo said, "This direct link from downtown

Six CTA employees among recipients of final Kramer awards

Retiring Regional Transportation Authority Chairman John D. Kramer gave \$1,500 of his RTA salary to six outstanding CTA employees on September 12 after they were nominated by their riders and supervisors to be recipients of Kramer's incentive awards.



Jean Cage



Tom Lenoir

concern for them. Riders also said Felecia Clower, a bus operator since 1978, "cheerfully greets all her passengers and shows concern for their well being."

Rapid transit riders commended conductor Victor Ramirez Jr. for being courteous and helpful, and for always having a friendly "hello." Ramirez began his CTA service in 1975. Rapid transit conductor Ronald Overton is regarded by his riders as "excep-

Receiving checks for \$250 each were bus operators Jean Cage, North Park Garage; Ruth Neal, 77th Street Garage; Tom Lenoir, Washington Garage; Felecia Clower, Limits Garage, and rail conductors Victor Ramirez Jr., North Section, and Ronald Overton, 95th Street Terminal.

Riders called operator Cage kind and patient and said she keeps them well informed. She has been a CTA employee since 1979. Operator Ruth Neal, who is also married to a bus operator, joined CTA in 1977. She was commended for her courtesy, particularly toward senior citizens.

Operator Thomas Lenoir joined CTA in 1957. He has been a Special Services bus operator for the disabled since 1981. Riders on his bus wrote of his friendly rapport, positive attitude and deep



Felecia Clower



Operator Ruth Neal, 77th Street Garage, accepts an incentive award check for \$250.00 from Interim RTA Chairman John Kramer. Riders commended Ms. Neal for her courtesy, particularly toward senior citizens.



Victor Ramirez Jr.

The awards virtually depleted the \$9,000 fund which had been established with money that otherwise would have gone to pay the interim RTA chairman's \$1,000-a-month salary. Kramer accepted no pay from the time he was named to the RTA chairmanship last November.

The money was used to reward a total 35 employees, and to bring a trainload of visually impaired children to the Loop during the Christmas season.

"When I began this program," said Kramer, "I said it had two purposes: to reward employees who make an extra effort to serve the public, and to raise the level of service throughout the RTA system.

"We have rewarded some, but by no means all, of the top employees."

tionally concerned" about their safety, and noted that he has ordered unruly passengers of his train. Overton began his CTA career in 1969, and has been a rapid transit conductor since 1975.

In his final incentive awards presentation, Kramer donated \$5,250 of his RTA salary to 21 employees representing CTA and 14 other RTA transit properties.



Ronald Overton

Ticket agent is named WBBM Citizen of Week



CTA ticket agent Shirley Knight has a lot to smile about as she recalls the success she had giving up smoking. The money she formerly spent for cigarettes is now used to buy television sets for the elderly.

Old habits die hard, especially bad ones. Seldom do they turn into anything beneficial to anyone, or positive in any respect. However, occasionally there are exceptions as the case of CTA ticket agent Shirley Knight.

When Mrs. Knight decided to quit smoking, it was a long, slow process, but she succeeded. As a gesture of her faith and gratefulness that she was victorious over the dreaded tobacco, she now contributes the money she literally blew away in smoke to the poor and elderly.

Co-worker Jodie Bien was so impressed by Mrs. Knight that she suggested her as a subject for WBBM Radio personality Maria Munoz's *Citizen of the Week* program. Following is a partial transcription of the radio interview between Munoz and Mrs. Knight:

Munoz: "Here is a unique solution to a bad habit. Shirley Knight, a ticket agent for the CTA, wanted to quit smoking and tried various methods, but to no avail. When she found a plan that worked, she was so thankful she'd kicked the habit that she promised to do something positive with the money she saved.

"Through the H.O.M.E. Organization (Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly), she learned of senior citizens living alone, often without any communication from the outside world. So she took her so-called cigarette money and bought small television sets for them."

Knight: "My husband and I decided that with the money I save each month we'd buy a 12-inch black and white TV. Some of these old people don't even have radios, much less a TV. Some of them can't go out."

Munoz learned that Mrs. Knight has also been a volunteer visitor with Little Brothers of the Poor for the last eight years.

As a volunteer, she visits two elderly ladies on a regular basis. She runs errands for them, shops, drives them to and from their appointments, and visits and spends time with them.

The 35-year CTA veteran told the moderator, that she and her carpenter husband, Robert, share a very special time with the residents of a nursing home.

Knight: "We were married on Christmas Eve, and we have our anniversary party in the nursing home. We donate the cake, and they donate the champagne and the little hors d'oeuvres. We have a nice anniversary party at the Brightview Nursing Home every Christmas Eve."

Although she has a full-time job and family to keep her busy, she still finds time to share.

Knight: "I'm going to get old someday, and I hope that someone is there. I hope someone is there volunteering for an organization that will help me. You're needed. There are a lot of old people out there who are very lonely, and you get so much more out of this than you put into it."

Although she is very appreciative of the honor bestowed upon her as Citizen of the Week, Shirley Knight was quick to laud Jodie Bien as well and Mary Rafferty, her two ticket agent co-workers, for the assistance they have given her with her volunteer work.

"Once I was unable to deliver packages at Christmas for 'Little Brothers', and Mary made the deliveries for me," said Knight. "She delivered 100 packages to various locations, taking 10 packages at a time."

New bus garage contract



CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli (right), signs a contract for the \$25,686,000 construction of a new bus garage at 103rd Street and Stony Island Avenue by the Klein Construction Company of Westmont, IL, lowest of 10 bidders. Affixing a signature to the document on behalf of the builder is Dwayne Klein, president of Klein Construction. The contract provided for a separate salt storage facility, complete improvements of the 18.5 acre site, employee and visitor parking lots, a bus turnaround, and a bus staging area. Construction time as set forth in the contract is 920 calendar days, or about 2½ years. Funds for the new facility are being provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

Commendation Corner

Junior Broadbent (Forest Glen garage) caught the attention of Laura Leonard who works in Deerfield, for his courtesy as operator of a No. 84 Peterson bus. "For a long time now riders on the Peterson line have enjoyed his courteous treatment and kindly supervision. I'm a senior citizen and grateful for our driver's consideration in watching for me in case I am prevented by traffic from reaching the bus stop in time. He greets everyone with unfailing good humor, and watches at north-south transfer points to see if people are trying to catch his bus. He is the kind of driver the CTA can well be proud of."



Garrick Turner (West Section) was noticed by Gis Redmond, of Clarendon Hills, for the way he handled his job as conductor of a Congress-O'Hare train. "He had a voice that should be heard on the radio. He called out each stop clearly, but what set him apart was not only his voice, but his wonderful commentary. His good humor and thoughtful words made everyone smile. He reminded riders of the time, the train rules, and the good feelings we get from being kind to our fellow riders. At each stop he commented on that area of the city, and what landmarks we'd see getting off there. I can't express how pleasant a ride that was."

Stanley Kubicz (Forest Glen garage) is appreciated by Angela McAlester, of North Damen Avenue, who was a regular rider on his No. 84 Peterson bus. "Not only is he a careful and competent driver (he's almost never late or early), but his personality is warm, good-natured and cheerful. He has a kind word, a joke, or a hello for all of his passengers. Both my husband and I took the bus at different times in the mornings, and each of us soon developed a friendly rapport with the driver. After a time, we discovered we were talking about the same man. When you have a great bus driver, you feel good all day."

Jean Cage (North Park garage) was the operator of a No. 145 Wilson/Michigan Express bus ridden by Luella Spangler, of Wilson Avenue. "She greeted us with 'Good morning. How are you?' I asked her to call Washington, and she said, 'I call all stops,' which she did. Everyone got a greeting. Our bus got so crowded she could not take any more on. When my stop was coming up, she said, 'Lady who wanted Washington. Washington is the next stop.' She told me, 'Be careful, and take your time,' and 'Have a good day.' I thanked her. She made my day happy. Sometimes we older people like to be cheered up. She was great!"



Robert Thomas (North Park garage) was commended by Valentina Lopushok, who rode his No. 147 Outer Drive Express bus to her office on North Michigan Avenue. "This driver is always considerate enough to look around for anyone running for his bus, and kind enough to wait for them. In answering questions regarding directions, he extends himself with as much information as he can with a pleasant and patient manner. Although he takes time to be pleasant and polite, he also maintains a professional attitude and stays on schedule. I can always depend on reaching my destination on time when I am on his bus."

Rochelle Miller (South Section) impressed Gerald Nicholas, of East 111th Street, with her performance as conductor of a Lake/Dan Ryan train. "She gave every impression that she was concerned for the passengers. Her voice was warm and friendly. She bid all those departing the train to 'Have a nice day,' and clearly announced the stops. Over the years of riding the CTA, I have not found many to rival this young woman. I certainly was appreciative of her style, and was glad to be on that particular train. The CTA would certainly be more pleasurable to ride if there were more people obviously happy about doing their jobs."

Donald Reed (Beverly garage) won the approval of Odella Hamb, of West 67th Place, for his assistance one Sunday on a 111th Street bus. "I needed instructions to my destination. Mr. Reed is courteous, patient, and knows his job. He explained to me the quickest route I could have taken. Two drivers before I boarded his bus did not know how to get to 119th and Michigan. Mr. Reed took time to explain the way I should go, and saw to it by calling my attention to the stop. Courtesy, patience, kindness and politeness are very essential, and rate high in my book. He makes it a pleasure to ride CTA."

Minnie Davis (North Avenue garage) was thanked by R. Swarts, of North Lake Shore Drive, for providing special assistance to her sister while operating a No. 76 Diversey bus. "Because of a broken hip, which necessitates the use of a cane, my sister finds it difficult to get on and off the bus. Ms. Davis, recognizing this the other day, escorted my sister to the bus, and got her up the steps and comfortably seated. She also pulled up to the curb when we were ready to alight. Ms. Davis' concern was one of the kindest acts either my sister or I have ever experienced as CTA riders. She is an asset to your organization."

Customer assistance, West shops workers help recover ring

Actress Debbie Leeds wasn't acting July 26 when she met the three CTA employees whose efforts led to the recovery of her gold and pearl ring from the bottom of a subway air shaft. She thanked them with obvious gratitude.

Mrs. Leeds said that she and her husband, Arthur, were walking to their car near Chicago avenue and State street on July 23 following her appearance in a production at the Randolph Street Gallery. Before the show she gave the ring to her husband for safe keeping. He slipped it into his pocket with his car keys.

Stepping onto the air shaft grating, Leeds pulled out his car keys, and unknowingly, the ring. He heard something hit the grating and didn't give it a second thought. When they arrived home and she asked for her ring, he gave it a second thought. It wasn't where he thought it was.

On July 24, Mrs. Leeds telephoned the CTA's Customer Assistance Office



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leeds show off ring that fell into subway vent shaft at Chicago avenue and State street. Couple are flanked by Carroll Dalton (far left), CTA sheet metal worker, and Donald Regan, CTA tinner, who were dispatched to locate Mrs. Leeds' pearl and gold ring.

and anxiously told her story to service representative Harry Brooks.

Brooks contacted West Shops and on July 25 Carroll Dalton, sheet metal worker, and Donald Regan, tinner, were dispatched to the air shaft where they located the ring.

That same day Brooks contacted Mrs. Leeds with the good news and in-

vited her and her husband to be at the Public Affairs office the following day.

"The ring isn't terribly expensive," Leeds said. "No," chimed in his happy wife, "but its sentimental value can't be measured in mere money. It's the first ring Arthur ever gave me and this is the last time it will be out of my sight," she vowed.

Thanks for a job well done

Employees who have received commendations from the public.

Rosa Alfaro, Forest Glen
Rogelio Arrazola, North Park

Gregory Barber, North Park
Otis Barnes, 77th Street
Alfredo Barrios, Archer
James Beal Jr., Kedzie
Hudson Black, Limits
Nikola Blagojevic, Limits
Havard Blanks, Kedzie
Vicki Bledsoe, Howard/Kimball
Dwayne Borom, Limits
Junior Broadbent, Forest Glen
Charles Brown, Kedzie
Henry Brown, Payroll Acctg.
Claude Brown Jr., Archer
Matthew Brownlee, District B
William Brownlie, Forest Glen

Jean Cage, North Park
George Calhoun, 69th Street
John Cameron, Ashland
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Leroy Carr, Forest Glen
Marvin Chachere, North Park
Al Clayton, Archer
Felicia Clower, Limits
Patricia Cobb, North Park
James Cockrell, Limits
James Crockett, West Section

Albert Davies, North Park
Electra DeAlba, North Avenue
Herman Duffin, Forest Glen

August Elke, Archer
Mattie Elkins, Rail System

William Finley Jr., North Avenue
James Fitzgerald, Limits
Gary Folken, North Section

Anthony Gibson, District D
Walter Gibson Jr., Archer
Larry Goffer, Limits
Wallacene Good, Forest Glen
Odell Granger, Forest Glen
Noble Graves, Limits
John Gray, 77th Street
Andrew Gray, 69th Street
Bobby Griffin, Archer

Niki Hansen, Forest Glen
Obeddie Hawkins, Jefferson Park
Arthur Hawkins Jr., North Avenue
Olivia Hewitt, 77th Street
George Hiensman II, 69th Street
Jimmie Hill, 69th Street
Donald Hudson, Forest Glen
Willie Hunt, Kedzie
Ernest Hunter, Beverly

Nathan Jackson, 77th Street
Willie Jefferson, 77th Street
Mary Johnson, North Section
Ronald Jones, 69th Street
Betty Jones, Limits
James Jones Jr., Kedzie

Assunta Kaya, Forest Glen
Dean Kellum, Jefferson Park
Young Kim, Kedzie
James Kolstad, Beverly
Robert Kremer, North Park

Margie Laboy, North Avenue
Ruben Lopez, North Park
Wayne Luster, Limits

Eleanore Madrecki, Forest Glen
Patrick Meaney, Douglas/Congress
Salaheddeen Mohammed, North Avenue

Howard Monroe, North Park
Jack Moore, North Park
Frederick Moore, North Park
Delfino Morales, Kedzie
James Moses Jr., North Avenue
Heriberto Munoz, North Park

Sammie Newell, Rail Dist. West
James Nielsen, Archer
Stanley Nolan, North Avenue

Ronald Overton, Ashland

Charles Patton, Limits
Juan Perez, Limits
Lillie Pope, South Section

Victor Ramirez Jr., Howard/Kimball
George Raniszewski, Forest Glen
J. Rice, 69th Street
Annie Rice, Limits
Robert Richardson, North Park

Eugenio Rivera, North Avenue
Chester Robertson, Archer

Salvatore Scurti, North Section
Gregory Shelby, Limits
Leevon Skinner, 69th Street
Robert Smith, Forest Glen
Terry Smoczynski, Forest Glen
Luis Sosa, Archer
Nathaniel Stevens Jr., North Park
Linda Stewart, Limits
Dwayne Stinson, Limits
Cheryl Stitts, 77th Street
Carl Suddeth, North Park

Wendell Talbert, North Park
Earl Terry, North Avenue
Henry Terry, Special Services
Robert Thomas, North Park
Lee Thompson, North Park
Eugene Thurmond, District A
Reginald Tolbert, North Park
Blanca Torres, Forest Glen
Eddie Traylor III, 69th Street

Lonnie Walker, North Park
Adolphus Walker Jr., North Avenue
Barbara Ware, 77th Street
Gary Williams, North Park

James Yancey, Limits
Kazimer Yaworski, Forest Glen
Charles Young, Douglas/Congress

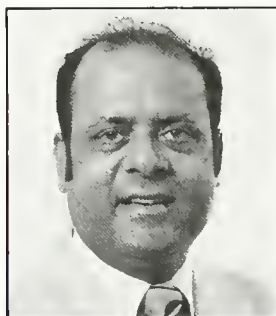
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TICKET AGENT Competition



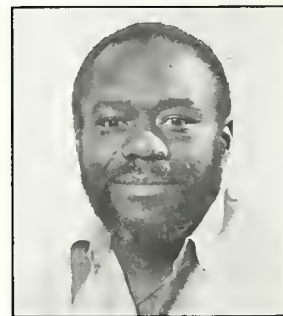
Mae Woodard, Douglas Terminal - "Ticket Agent TieUp was exciting. It let me know how good I can be under pressure. I have never actually experienced that kind of pressure in a real work situation which we encountered in the competition. It pays to be calm and do your best."



Syed Alimuddin - Jefferson Park "It was very interesting competition. I am happy that CTA gave us the chance to do this because it is uplifting for ticket agents. It was really like a refresher course for us, and certainly a nice idea. It indicated that management knows our problems."



Mary Parish - Desplaines "It was fun. It really got serious during the second phase where we were working as ticket agents do, carrying out the many responsibilities as are required in a ticket agent's booth."



John Anderson - Howard "I thought it was nice. This competition has built morale among the ticket agents, and everybody has had a good time. It was also a relearning process. I'm telling people to go out and compete next year because I know they will enjoy it."



Linda Woods - Howard (Agent Supervisor) - 2nd Place "I had a lot of fun. I'm glad my agent supervisor (Mary Marble), and my husband (Limits instructor Myron Woods) encouraged me to participate. I enjoyed every minute of this competition. It's good to know that ticket agents are being included, and I hope we will have more participation next year."



Josephine (Jody) Bien - Howard - 3rd Place "The TieUp made me go back and study, and really get into the job. I think the preliminaries were nerve wracking, but the final was more like what ticket agents do. It was fun just meeting so many ticket agents from other areas. The camaraderie was good. I'm glad ticket agents were given recognition."



Kenneth Chase - Kimball "It was more difficult than I thought it would be, but I think it is a very good idea. Whoever thought of knocking on the agent's window during the competition had the right idea because that really happens in the course of a day's work. My advice to anyone looking to next year would be to stay cool and calm. I was more nervous that I thought I would be."



Ricca James - Howard "Ticket Agent TieUp was very exciting. It's good to let others know there are some good agents out there. As the North Section champion, I received a trophy which I can cherish and which I show to my friends. I have a job in which people depend upon me for service, and which I enjoy."



Nancy Quintana - Kimball "It's good to feel that someone cares about the ticket agents. The competition also proved that we as ticket agents must use our own judgment when dealing with any situation. You have to fit the job to your personality. I got involved in this competition because my supervisor encouraged me, and I'm glad."



95th Street has the NUMBER ONE TICKET AGENT

Bryant Alexander - 95th Street Terminal - 1st Place

"Ticket Agent TieUp brought ticket agents to light. It was good, enjoyable competition. I had a good time, and I'm looking forward to the trip to Washington. We will probably have more participation next year. I know we have a lot of good agents."

Bryant Alexander of 95th Street Terminal, CTA's top ticket agent, was among special guests attending the American Public Transportation Association convention in Washington during October.

The nine-year veteran ticket agent topped nine other "Free Wheeling" finalists in the CTA's Ticket Agent TieUp competition with 593 points. The all-expenses paid trip for two to the nation's capital and a trophy were the coveted prizes.

Linda Woods of Howard Terminal garnered 551 points to take the second place trophy and a \$500 Series EE Savings Bond. Josephine (Jody) Bien, also of Howard Terminal, took the third place trophy, and a \$200 savings bond with 535 points.

Alexander was also champion of the South Section. Others were Syed Alimuddin, West Section champion, and Ricca James, North Section champion. Harry Reddrick, deputy executive director, Operations, and Elonzo Hill, manager, Training/-Instruction, presented the section champions with plaques to honor them for their achievements.

Other finalists were Nancy Quintana, Kimball Terminal; John Anderson, Howard Terminal; Mary Parish, Desplaines Terminal; Mae Woodard, 54th Street Terminal, and Kenneth Chase, Kimball Terminal. Each finalist received a jacket with the CTA logo, a brass identification tag, and dinner/theater tickets for two.

All of the section level contestants received a special recognition certificate and a tote bag with the CTA logo.

The Ticket Agent TieUp is the first competition conducted by the Operations Division for non-operating employees, and the first of its kind within the transit industry.

Sam Smith, assistant superintendent, Operations Training Center, and Ticket Agent TieUp chairman, said that of the approximately 650 CTA employees working as ticket agents, 21 percent applied for the "TieUp" competition. Smith said 54 percent of those applying to participate in the maiden "TieUp" event met all requirements for contest eligibility and actually participated.

The criteria for competition required each contestant to have had an excellent work record in the preceding 12 months, to have worked a minimum of 200 days as an agent in that period, and to have had two years continuous service as a full-time permanent agent.

Smith said the contest was designed to demonstrate job skills, improve morale, and promote good passenger relations and professionalism.

Section level competition included both written and performance tests on standard operating procedures, rules and regulations, job duties, and responsibilities. Contestants were required to complete these tests before

participating in the final performance test given later at the Merchandise Mart ticket agent booth.

This one-hour performance examination included opening a station, collecting and registering assorted fares, and handling various situations that required a high degree of agent expertise and judgment.

Participants were also examined on closing a station including, among other steps, bagging receipts, completing the agent's report, and proper handling of transfers and transfer envelopes. Likewise, they were tested on completing miscellaneous report and other related forms.

The "Free Wheeling" 10 were competing for prizes as well as the satisfaction of being among the best ticket agents employed by CTA.

The Ticket Agent TieUp was implemented by Elonzo Hill, manager, Training/Instruction, by direction of Deputy Executive Director, Operations, Harry Reddrick. Hill named Operations Training Center Assistant Superintendent Sam Smith chairman of the new program.

Selected as sub-committee chairman to assist the Ticket Agent TieUp chairmen were: Della Richards, prizes and awards; Cynthia Florence, testing; Jimmie Seymour, materials and equipment; Karen Miller, eligibility; Tessa Gaines, volunteer services; Rosemary Roberson, budget, and Barbara Colwell, publicity. Agent instructors served as competition judges.

Awards banquet honors elite group of winners

CTA's top four bus operators receive trophies awarded in the 1984 Bus Rodeo. They are (from left) Ladell Jackson, North Avenue, fourth place; John Odom, 69th Street, third place; Joe Rodenski, Forest Glen, second place; and Michael Matas, Forest Glen, first place.



Ticket Agent TieUp champion Bryant Alexander accepts the first place winner's cup from Alex Johnson, manager, Operations Personnel, as Sam Smith (far left), event chairman, and Deputy Executive Director Harry Reddrick (right) express approval.



O'Hare Terminal motorman James Hentz (left), and Howard Terminal conductor John Zupko Jr., show off their first place trophies, proving that teamwork is possible no matter where personnel are assigned. Alex Johnson (left), manager, Operations Personnel, and Harry Reddrick, deputy executive director, Operations, share the special moment with the first place rail team.

"It's quite an honor to be number one, and to be part of this elite group," was the comment of CTA's top rail conductor, John Zupko, Jr. after collecting a first place trophy and a trip for two to the annual APTA convention.

It was typical of the attitude and the atmosphere generated by all of the honorees being recognized at the fourth annual CTA awards banquet honoring the successful Bus Rodeo, Third Rail Roundup, and Ticket Agent TieUp participants.

In a lighter fashion, CTA's first conductor who began his transit career five years ago, told the audience of some 200 employees, family members and friends, "Life is in alphabetical order, and with my name beginning with Z-U, I've always been last until now. It took me 26 years, but I'm finally first."

Earlier, Zupko had praised the teamwork of himself and his motorman, James Hentz, noting that people from different sections often have different ways of doing things. "We had two people from different sections who worked together very well and got the job done," said the Howard Street conductor. Howard Terminal also produced last year's first place motorman.

James Hentz, the other half of the Third Rail Roundup winning team, told the M&M Club audience, "I told Mr. Reddrick and Mr. Hill in this very room last year that I would be gunning for number one."

Michael Matas, the 1984 Bus Rodeo winner, vowed to go to Washington and "show them how we

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Motorman James Hentz (background), and conductor John Zupko, Jr. (foreground), top crewmen in the 1984 Third Rail Roundup competition, prepare their train for service.



Hamp Johnson (left), motorman representing Harlem Terminal, and his conductor, John Rigoni of O'Hare Terminal, discuss procedure with clerk Tyrone Brown, 95th Street Terminal prior to the Third Rail Roundup. Johnson and Rigoni took second place in the overall competition.

Third rail roundup participants say contest is beneficial

Operations officials are encouraging CTA rail transportation personnel to begin preparing now for the 1985 Third Rail Roundup. The goal next year is to increase participation in the Third Rail Roundup as well as the Ticket Agent TieUp contest.

Contest participants in this year's competition called the Third Rail Roundup a good idea because it sparked job pride and recognition and was an incentive to brush up on operating procedures. Most claimed the competition sent them back to study their manuals and SOPs over a little midnight oil.

Conductor Martin Kane of Howard Terminal called the Third Rail Roundup a good review and said he believes it makes participants better employees whether or not they collect prizes.

In 1983, CTA became the first municipal transit property in the American Public Transit Association (APTA), and to date the only public transportation organization in the history of the industry, to conduct a rail rodeo. That effort was followed in 1984 by a competition for ticket agents.

Elonzo Hill, manager, Training/Instruction, said that, like the Bus Rodeo, and the new Ticket Agent TieUp competition, the Third Rail Roundup is one of the best ways rail service employees may demonstrate their professional skills and earn industry-wide recognition.

Eligibility for the Third Rail Roundup requires applicants to be full-time operating employees with good work records. Conductor applicants must have at least a year of continuous service and must have worked a minimum of 200 days as a conductor within the preceding 12 months. If a towerman, the applicant must have worked a minimum of 10 days as a conductor within the past 12 months.

On the other hand, motorman contest applicants must have had at least two years of continuous service; must have qualified as a motorman at least

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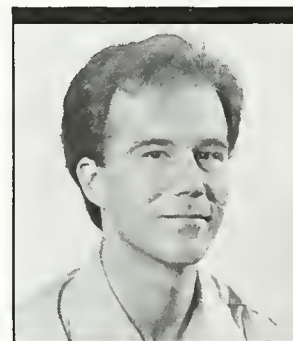
Joel Hawthorne, conductor, Howard Terminal — "I like the idea. The concept of competition between employees is good because in each section things are done differently, so you have a chance to learn from each other. I know now what I missed last year. I want to enter the contest next year."



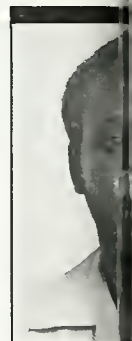
Roman Doubek, motorman, Douglas Terminal — "The team concept made this year's competition more realistic. I did find a few surprises which I was not quite ready for this time, but all in all, it was good clean fun. It's good for the employee because it gives you a chance to meet different people."



Napolion Simmons, motorman, Howard Terminal — "The Third Rail Roundup helps the individual to be more aware of the things they should be doing, and makes you familiar with the proper job procedures. The Third Rail Roundup is good competition."



John Zupko, Jr., conductor, Howard Terminal — "It was fun, and I was proud to be a part of it. After all, you're talking about the top nine conductors. I like the team concept which in the case of myself and Mr. Hentz, matched up two people from different sections, and we got the job done."



James Hentz, conductor, O'Hare Terminal — "The Third Rail Roundup is a competitive thing. It could be worse, although I'm anybody. I think all year of time going into the brochure."



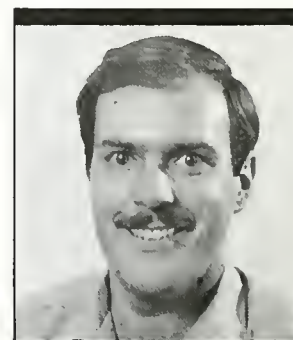
Richard Crane, motorman, Ashland Terminal — "I was very glad to be one of the top nine motormen in the Roundhouse 18. The competition was an opportunity to show my skills. I was taking notes this year as I went along because I intend to enter the competition next year, and do a lot better."



Hamp Johnson, motorman, Harlem Terminal — "It was a different competition this year with the team system, and the lottery method for selecting a partner which worked out very well. Team work is the key. I think the Third Rail Roundup is a very good way to prove your skills. I enjoyed being a part of it."



San Juana M. Montes de Oca, conductor, Kimball Terminal — "I was shocked, but pleasantly surprised that I made the Roundhouse 18. I was really competing against myself and seeking the self-satisfaction of getting in touch with procedures. The Third Rail Roundup is a great opportunity to get in touch with CTA procedures."



Richard Corbett, conductor, Kimball Terminal — "The competition is a good idea because it rekindles pride in the job. There is nothing wrong with having a sense of pride in one's job. I think as time goes on, and the Third Rail Roundup continues, more and more people will come out and participate. I would like to see more people put the skepticism aside."



Donald Smith, conductor, Howard Terminal — "Having the conductor competition made it different. It was a shooting. I think you left the competition was bad order. The Roundup makes people do my best."

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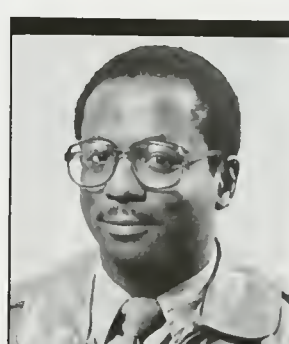
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John Rigoni, conductor, O'Hare Terminal - "I saw an opportunity to show my skills. The Third Rail Roundup gives the employee recognition, and makes one feel good about the job. It also makes you feel good to know that we were in it to the end."



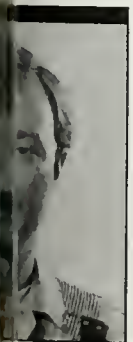
Pat Rhoden, conductor, Ashland Terminal - "The Third Rail Roundup gave me a chance to review procedures. I like to get paid well, so I do my job well. I think everybody should take pride in their job. I would tell anyone thinking about the Third Rail Roundup that it isn't hard."



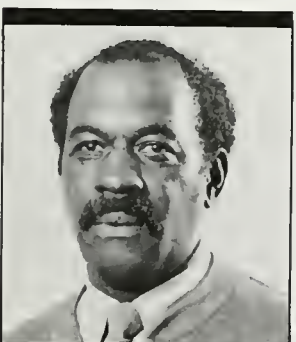
Leon Hegwood, motorman, Howard Terminal - "The Third Rail Roundup pitted what I knew against what others knew about the job. I worked hard, and finished in a respectable position and I can hold my head up. One thing about this competition, it will make you see your shortcomings."



Daryl Brown, conductor, 95th Street Terminal - "I thought the Third Rail Roundup would be easy, but it was not as easy as I believed it would be. I learned a lot of things about the job which I did not know before. I know where I went wrong this time, and I hope to capitalize on the mistakes next year."



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Marvin Kelsey, conductor, 95th Street Terminal - "This was my first time in the Third Rail Roundup. I entered because I like competition as well as the chance for recognition. I consider myself a trend setter, and I thought it was maybe a chance to help get rid of some of the negative job attitudes, and to review job procedure."



Otha Miller, motorman, Kimball Terminal - "It was very enjoyable, and a good thing for the employee. It would be good if more people would participate because I think a thing like the Third Rail Roundup can improve the employee's attitude. Attitude makes the difference. The Third Rail Roundup for me was very good. I enjoyed it very much."



Martin Kane, conductor, Howard Terminal - "The Third Rail Roundup is a good idea. It's really a good review and it makes you a better employee even if you don't win. I find that the competition is more difficult than the real work situation because you are used to people as passengers, but in a competition you are more self-conscious."



Gideon Stevens, motorman, Ashland Terminal - "The Third Rail Roundup was fun and challenging, but not a piece of cake, I like the way the problems were set up. It was a chance to demonstrate my skills. I think that it is a great thing for both CTA and the employees because it gives the employee an added incentive."

Heroic deed recognized



Gerald Poces (left), warehouse worker II, and Lawrence Tischer, unit supervisor, both of Storeroom 30 at South Shops, received letters of appreciation from E. W. Tobin, manager, Materials Management/Purchasing Agent, for their efforts to extinguish a roof fire on a shop building on June 7. By the time the Chicago Fire Department arrived, the two had quelled the blaze, preventing further damage to the building.

Awards banquet

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do things in Chicago." Matas, a close contender in previous contests, unseated John Odom of 69th Street Garage, the Bus Rodeo champion of 1982 and 1983.

In a style similar to a "Night of the Oscar" fashion, Bryant Alexander thanked his supervisor, and all who supported the Ticket Agent TieUp competition in which he took the first place cup. "Way to go southside," Alexander exclaimed as he left the rostrum. The ticket agent competition was the first such contest to be conducted anywhere in the transit industry.

Other honorees recognized with special certificates and other mementoes were members of the Bus Rodeo Winning Circle 20, the Third Rail Roundhouse 18, and the Ticket Agent TieUp Freewheeling 10.

Operations chiefs, honorees and their guests heard Executive Director Bernard J. Ford bestow accolades upon the competition participants as he remarked, "We are proud of you. We are number one because of you, and we want you to know that we are grateful for your efforts."

"We're not only number one in the nation, but in the world. I'm proud to be a part of it. We're all in this together."

Harry Reddrick, Deputy Executive Director, Operations, told honorees,

"You've motivated your peers and you've mirrored a much better image to the general public."

Acknowledging the honorees as "Cream of the crop," and the people who keep people moving all year, Alex Johnson, manager, Operations Personnel, borrowed a line from the Sisters Sledge as he said, "The best thing about it is 'We are Family.'"

Third rail roundup

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12 months prior to the date they entered the contest, and must also have worked a minimum of 200 days including a minimum of 10 days as a motorman or switchman, within the preceding 12 months.

Like the initial rail competition of 1983, the 1984 Third Rail Roundup was conducted in two phases — the terminal level competition and the final competition.

At terminal level, contestants were given a written test on CTA rules and procedures, and were judged on uniform and appearance. They were also given troubleshooting problems, and tested on how effectively they were able to communicate with the controller. Survivors of the terminal level competition (Roundhouse 18) were then paired by lottery into nine conductor-motorman teams for the final competition.

The ultimate contest required each team to operate a train over a specially

designated route. They were judged on their knowledge of signals, making a turnback, alertness, operating through interlocking/curves, door operation, making announcements, and fare registration.

Each team was also judged on its accuracy of berthing a train, schedule adherence, smoothness of operation, communication effectiveness with the controller, handling transfers, providing information to passengers, and troubleshooting.

The top prize in the Third Rail Roundup competition was an all-expenses paid, five-day, four-night trip for two to the nation's capital where they attended the annual APTA convention. Each member of the first place team also received a trophy, and their home terminals were each awarded a chairman's cup.

The coveted Third Rail Roundup prize for 1984 was earned by motorman James Hentz of O'Hare Terminal, and his teammate, conductor John Zupko Jr., of Howard Terminal. They were each accompanied to Washington by a guest of their choice.

Motorman Hamp Johnson of Harlem Terminal, and his teammate, conductor John Rigoni, also of O'Hare Terminal, took second place honors and each received a Series EE savings bond for \$500, and a trophy. The top four winners and all members of the Roundhouse 18 (see pages 12 and 13) also received a pair of dinner-theater tickets, as well as a distinctive belt buckle and shoulder patches bearing the CTA Third Rail Roundup logo.

Archer tops its first quarter safety record

Operating personnel assigned to Archer Garage are among CTA's most safety conscious as evidenced by their second consecutive Public Safety Award which they earned for the second quarter of 1984.

Archer, a medium-sized facility of some 500 operating personnel located on the south side, has now earned 13 PSA plaques since the Public Safety Award program was initiated 23 years ago.

The south side facility had both the lowest traffic and passenger accident rates in the bus system for the second quarter, experiencing 40 accident-free days, an improvement over its first quarter record when Archer personnel took the PSA with 30 accident-free days.

Assistant Superintendent Walter Caston, then at Archer, and now assigned to 69th Street Garage, had urged Archer personnel to continue the fine public safety record. Caston said Archer would strive to set an example for other locations to follow as it continues to earn PSA awards.

Meanwhile, personnel at Forest Park Terminal saw their first PSA since the third quarter 1983, and they earned it with one of the most enviable records since the inception of PSA. Forest Park experienced only one accident in the second quarter, and had 90 accident-free days to earn the terminal the Public Safety Award plaque for the second quarter 1984.



The lowest traffic and passenger accident rate in the bus system means having the coveted Interstation Safety Contest plaque on display at Archer Garage where the outstanding safety record was achieved. Making the presentation is Michael McCarthy (left), principal public safety analyst. Accepting on behalf of Archer Garage is Walter Caston, assistant superintendent.



Forest Park Terminal's enviable record of only one accident and 90 accident-free days during the second quarter earned the rail facility the quarterly Interstation Safety Contest plaque. Making the presentation is Fred Mead (left), director, System Safety Analysis/Performance. Accepting on behalf of the terminal is David Curry, terminal superintendent.

Garage pick is effective as Kedzie resumes service



A bus system seniority pick card with the operator's choice is handed to Bill Melfi (standing) by clerk Guy Stutley for posting on a garage roster.



Bus clerk Bob Stevens assists a bus operator as she writes her name on the 77th Street roster.



Frank Zaborowski, system-wide garage pick supervisor, checks the Kedzie Garage personnel roster for available slots.

As clerk William Howell called a bus operator's name, the operator or another clerk would announce the requested work location. The name is then entered on the garage board to fill a slot.

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On September 9, the effective date of the pick, bus routes operating temporarily out of North Avenue and Limits Garages will return to Kedzie

Garage. Bus routes that operated out of Lawndale since the demolition of the old Kedzie Car Barn in 1981, returned to Kedzie when the new garage opened in June.

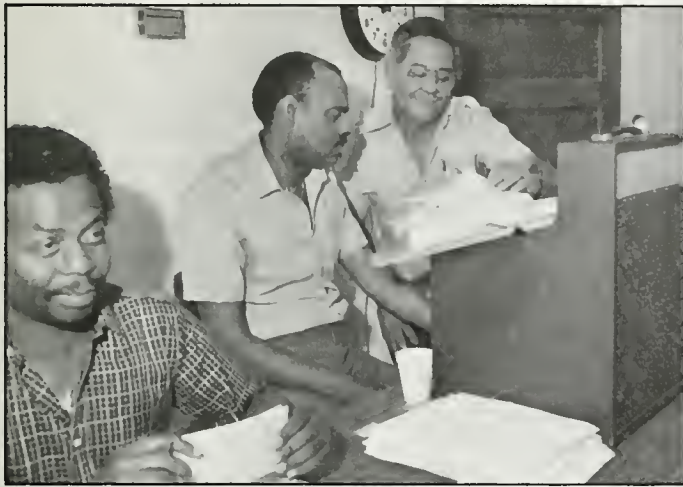
The pick gave employees their first opportunity to select assignment to the new facility which needs 490 operators. The 321,000 square foot garage, valued at \$17.6 million, is the first new garage CTA has erected in 28 years. The first garage filled during the pick, however, was Limits. Joe Vodvarks, superintendent, Administrative Services, explained that many operators will give first consideration to the garage that will give them a

chance to have the weekend off.

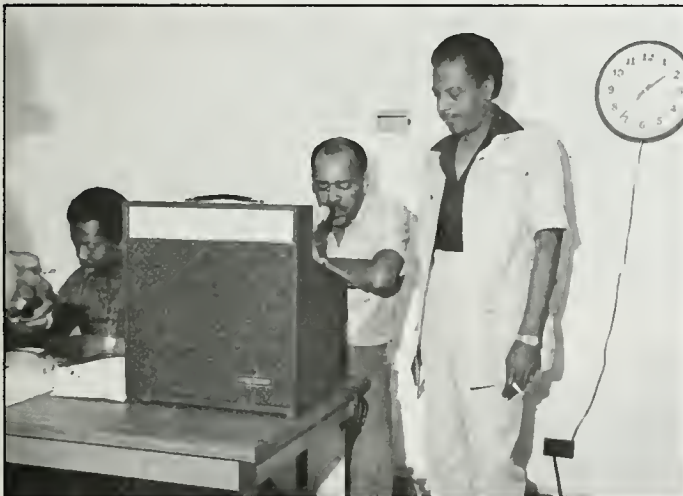
The pick at Washington was supervised by Frank Zaborowski, a North Park clerk. Union Representative Albert Strickland, a clerk at Archer, was also present to oversee the operation and to answer inquiries. "There are three ways an operator may be represented during the bus garage system pick," said Vodvarka. "The individual may appear in person to make the choice for a work location, send in a choice slip, or do nothing which would indicate a desire to remain at his or her present location."

Vodvarka said a slip may be submitted with as many as 10 choices listed

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Bus clerks Guy Stuttley (left), and Bill Howell, look over the roster of bus operator personnel waiting to pick a garage location as a bus operator checks for his place on the list.



Albert Strickland (right) Amalgamated Transit Union 241 representative, watches as bus clerks Guy Stuttley and William Howell conduct the bi-annual pick.

in order of preference. "If an employee doesn't make a choice during the pick, but is bumped from his or her work location due to seniority, we are obligated to reassign the individual to the garage nearest their present work location."

Each garage requires a specific number of operators. Once the quota for a garage is filled, assignments to that location are stopped. If operators are assigned to garages where they have never worked before, they are required to learn all of the streets from the new garages before the effective date of the transfer.

Farrell Gallagher, 69th Street Garage, CTA's senior operator 'King

Casey' who works as a box puller, said the opportunity to pick gives garage personnel a chance to move around. "The pick has changed a bit since I joined CTA 38 years ago. There are fewer runs so it's a lot easier. When we had streetcars, we had a two-minute street, but now it's a little more spread out," said Gallagher. The veteran bus operator is remaining with 69th Street Garage after eight years at that location. "It's a good garage," said Gallagher who also spent 30 years at 77th Street.

"The system pick is different from what most people outside Operations think it is," said Vodvarka. "It's really worth observing."

McClain aids another motorist in distress

John McClain, the Operations Training Instructor who received notoriety, and the heartfelt thanks of a grateful young couple whom he rescued last winter from a cold and lonely Dan Ryan expressway, has again been recognized for coming to the aid of a motorist in distress.

Ms. Marie Jackson, a south side resident, detailed, in a letter to CTA Chairman Michael Cardilli, how McClain came to her aid on September 10, after the left front wheel of her automobile rolled off her car into the morning rush hour traffic, as she was en route to work.

The incident occurred on North Lake Shore Drive near LaSalle Street. The front of Ms. Jackson's car collapsed onto the pavement, and she was about to proceed on foot, when McClain drove up in his grey and black pickup truck. After assessing the situation, he retrieved the woman's runaway wheel and remounted it for her.

McClain followed Ms. Jackson as she continued on her way to work, because he wanted to make sure the wheel stayed on. As he remounted the wheel he noticed that large holes had been reamed open due to the turning of the wheel with loose lugs.

The wheel came off again at Fullerton Avenue. McClain took Ms. Jackson to a phone where she contacted her place of employment and called a family member for transportation.

He remained with the woman until the family member arrived. He then helped with getting a wheel onto the car so that it could be removed from the street.

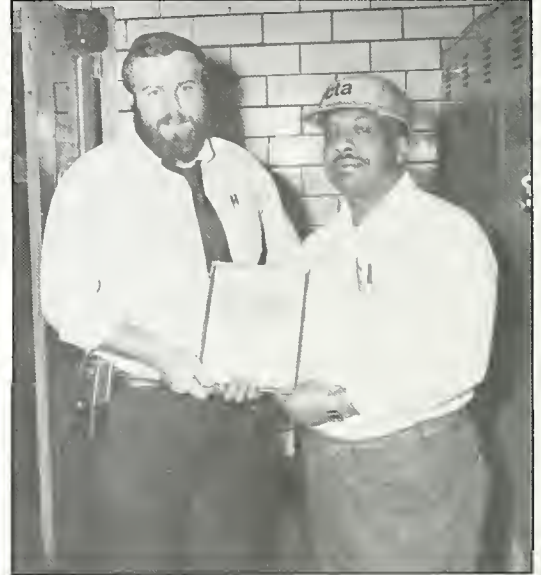
Ms. Jackson said McClain accepted nothing more than a "thank you," and a handshake and then got in his truck and went on his way. In her letter to Cardilli, Ms. Jackson said, "—Mr. McClain is deserving of any recognition he receives. —My family and I will be forever grateful to him."

ZAP

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Frank Venezia (left), director, rail maintenance, presents a first place ZAP certificate to 61st Street Terminal foreman Charles Nevels as maintenance workers look on with pride.



John Dutton (left), unit supervisor, bus garages, and Andrew Jones, night foreman at Beverly Garage, are proud of the first place certificate the southside garage earned in the second quarter ZAP competition.



Ron Stevers of DesPlaines Terminal inspects controllers on this rail car. DesPlaines received a first place certificate in the second quarter competition of Zero Accident Program.



A first place ZAP certificate was also earned by five departments at Skokie Shops. Represented here is the Blacksmith/Welding dept. Shown are (front row) Jung Kim, Ken Blocker, foreman (holding certificate); Rodrigo Silva, Ramon Santana, and B. Harvey. Others are Mike Fabian, Frank Vukovics, unit supervisor, and Elmer Fischer.

■ CTA maintenance personnel at seven locations were winners in the second quarter 1984 Zero Accident Program competition. Certificates of honor were awarded to DesPlaines, 61st, 63rd, 54th, and 98th Street terminals, as well as Beverly Garage.

■ Awards were also presented to five areas of Skokie Shops and six areas of Bus Shops at 77th Street. Honored at Skokie were the Blacksmith/Welding Shop, Machine, Truck and Axle Shops, and Sub-electrical.

■ Taking first place certificates at 77th Street Bus Shops were Vehicle Wiring, Upholstery, Utility, Electrical Units Rebuild, and the Machine and Print Shops.

■ Recipients of the luncheon award for having the lowest maintenance accident rate in six consecutive months were maintenance workers at 98th Terminal and Forest Glen Garage.



Foreman Leon Fields (left) proudly accepts a second quarter first place ZAP certificate presented by Richard Lorimer, superintendent for equipment and maintenance.

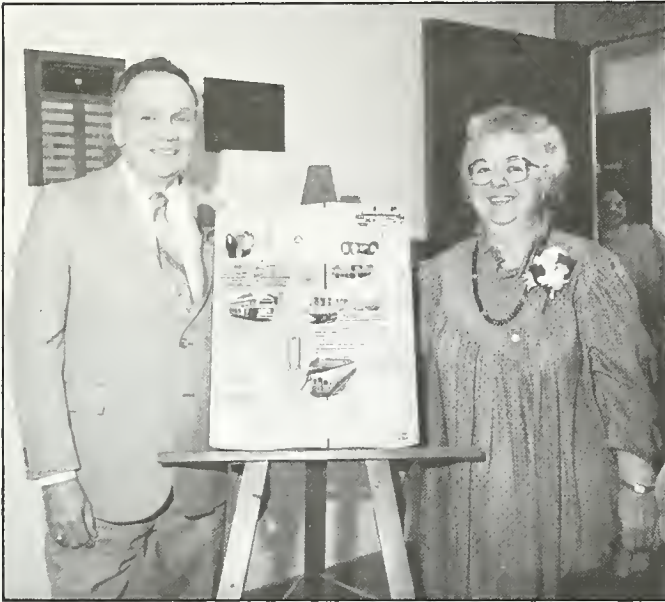


A tasty repast is prepared for 98th Street Terminal personnel for having the lowest rail maintenance accident rate for six consecutive months.



Foreman Steve Jackson of 54th Street Terminal, surrounded by his maintenance crew, holds the first place ZAP certificate earned for the second quarter.

Open house honors Lemm in retirement



Donald P. Lemm celebrates retirement after 42 years of service. He is joined by his wife, Ida, as Insurance and Pensions department co-workers host an open house in his honor. The large plaque is a montage of recorded events which helped to mold his career as well as the Lemm family lifestyle over the past 42 years.

On May 11, 1984, an open house was held in honor of the retirement of Donald P. Lemm from CTA after almost 42 years of service. His co-workers, family and friends gathered to wish Don and his wife of 35 years, Ida, the best as they began enjoying a life of retirement.

Don Lemm's career in public transportation began in 1942 with the Chicago Rapid Transit Company, a CTA predecessor. His career has run the gamut from mail clerk to rail superintendent and other key management positions.

Besides the Transportation Department, he served CTA in Treasury, Accounting, and Training Departments. He was also Administrative Assistant to former CTA Chairman George Dement. Prior to his 1982 appointment as Manager of Insurance and Pensions, he held the positions of Superintendent of Pensions, Director of Workers' Compensation, and Director of Insurance.

Lemm earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and Accounting from DePaul University. He also attended John Marshall Law School and the Chicago School of Insurance. He and his wife are the parents of two married sons, Paul and Christopher, and two married daughters, Kathleen and Nancy. They also have two grandchildren, Christopher, Jr. and Dominic.

Lemm will continue to live in Bellwood where he and his wife are active in St. Simeon Parish activities, and where he is very active in civic affairs.

Plaque for retirement



Michael Kelly (right), senior traction power engineer, accepts a special plaque presented upon his retirement, from W.D. (Bud) Moore, power supervisor, Distribution. Kelly was honored for his 25 years of CTA service at a reception held at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club.



Mike Kelly pauses with members of his family during his retirement reception. Family members are (from left) Kay, Joe, Mary, and Mike Kelly; Carole McNicholas, Mike's fiancée; Tom and Grace Kelly.

Employees earn degrees



Diana Blaino, confidential office assistant, Materials Management, was graduated from Northwestern University with a bachelor of arts degree in organizational behavior.



Kay Smith, medical technician, CTA Medical department, was graduated from Governors State University with a bachelor of arts degree in business.

Sprinter sets goals



St. Ignatius sprinter Mike Sawyer finished the track season as the Catholic League's state title holder in the 100-200 yard dash. The 17-year old high school senior is the son of Deputy Executive Director, Planning, Ernest Sawyer and Claims Administration Supervisor Therese Sawyer. The youth wants to participate in the 1988 Olympics set for Korea. His long range goal is to attend the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. He has aspirations for becoming a U.S. Navy pilot.

'Wool' Pulling Wildkits



Evanston High School's Wildkits Basketball team displays the numerous trophies earned in the 1983-84 season in which it finished as Runners-up for the state championship. The team included guard Steve Wool (43), and his brother, Co-captain Louis Wool (44), sons of CTA Attorney Leon Wool, Law/Claims Department. Louis is a freshman at Denver University while Steve is a senior at Evanston.

The Wildkits cagers of Evanston High School won 32 consecutive games last season en route to becoming state championship runners-up and eighth in the final *USA Today* Basketball Prep School ratings. The team's 32-1 record was due in large measure to the able assistance of guards Steve (43) and Louis (44) Wool, sons of CTA Attorney Leon Wool, Law/Claims Department.

Co-captain Louis Wool, now a freshman at Denver University, led the Wildkits last year with his aggressiveness as a shooter. He averaged 11.6 points per game, hitting 64 per cent of the time from the field and 81 per cent at the foul line. He also set a new school record with 150 successful free throws in one season. Equally as strong on the boards, he grabbed 247 rebounds (116 offensive). Among other honors, Louis received the B'nai B'rith Sports Lodge High School Athlete of the Year Award.

Senior Steve Wool, a prospective starter, expects another successful Wildkits basketball season, and the state championship.

Discus event winner



James Jakscht, 17, a senior at Gordon Technical High School, won the 1984 Varsity Catholic League Championship discus event, and qualified for state participation in the downstate 1984 track and field events. Jakscht is the son of Ms. Eunice Jakscht, executive secretary to CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli. The youth set a new freshman-sophomore Catholic League record of 137 feet, 11 inches in the 1983 discus event. He won the freshman-sophomore shot put event the previous year with a toss of 45 feet, 3 inches.

1984 Graduate



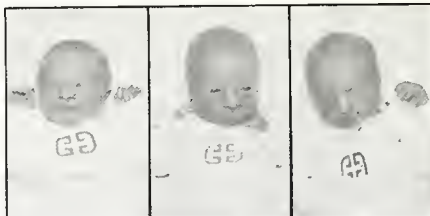
DARREN E. BORUM
Dunbar Vocational
Jeanette Borum
South Shops

Golden anniversary



Joseph and Emily Vanek recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The occasion was observed with family and friends at the couple's Bridgeview, IL home. Vanek retired from CTA April 1, 1974 after 38 years. He was employed as a motorman, bus operator and west section ticket agent.

Triplets!



Courtney Ann Joshua John Jennifer Lyne

Mike Marren, bus controller, control center, and his wife, Carol, became the parents of triplets, two girls and a boy, on July 20. The babies were born in Christ Community hospital, Oak Lawn. In order of their introduction to this world, they are: Courtney Ann, four pounds, 15 ounces, born at 6:40am; Joshua John, five pounds, eight ounces, born 6:41am; and Jennifer Lyne, five pounds, three ounces, born 6:43am. They all measured 19-inches long.

The Marrens, who live on the Southwest Side, have four other children: Carol, 11, Michael III, five, Timothy, three, and Katherine, two years old.

Service anniversaries in August

35 Years

Joseph Irwin, South Shops
Lewis Kazda, Forest Glen
James Kelly, Escalator Mtc.
James O'Neill, Forest Glen
Walter Piper Jr., Forest Glen
Alvin Polowczyk, Forest Glen
John Smith, Beverly

30 Years

Raymond Fay, Lawndale
William Knight, North Park
Willard Lindsey, Beverly
John Reid, West Section
Salvador Perce, Near North
James Sheldon, Utility
Pleas Smith, North Park
Richard Wilson, Forest Glen

25 Years

Joseph Birmingham, Bus Inst.
Junius Blaino, Far South
Walter Harris, Archer
Thears Judkins, Schedules
William Kennedy Jr., Distribution
Harvey King, 77th Street
Richard Laffleur, Stores-South
Robert Lee, Far South
Edward Mitchell, Operations
Robert Moskovitz, North Park
Edwin Oleksy, South Shops
Loren O'Rourke, Forest Glen
Fred Plambek, Dist. D.
Curtis Ross, E/H Special Services
Edward Shields, Support Services
Daniel Sutton, Support Services
William Tillery, Gen'l Mtc.
Johannie Williams, Ashland Term
Albert Wills, 77th Street

Service anniversaries in September

45 Years

Peter Janke, Elect. Testing

35 Years

George Kacmarek, Utility
Daniel Martorelli, Claims
Donald O'Sullivan, Claims

30 Years

Paul Kolsch, North Park
Robert Miller, Archer
Robert Oesterreich, North Park

25 Years

Joseph Christy, North Avenue
McKinley Davenport, Dist. B
Carl Lewis, Limits
Henry Luebeck, Prog. Impl.
Everett Martin, North Park
George McCoy, 77th Street
Ronald Mickels, Bus Service
Clara Sala, West Section
William Schmeier Jr., Fac. Tech. Svcs.
Richard Smith, Claims
Joseph Solan Jr., Forest Glen
Ernest Von Helmes, Forest Glen
Theodore Washington, Sig., Phone & Radio

Service anniversaries in October

40 Years

John Kurgan, South Shops

35 Years

James Johnston, Distribution
Jeffrey Keating, Sig., Phone & Radio

30 Years

Robert Arnold, Sig., Phone & Radio
Gerald Fels, North Park
Rod Heffernan, Rev. Acctg.

25 Years

Bernard Armstrong, Rail Dist. West
Saundra Battles, South Section
Glen Brunson, Washington
William Buetow, Investments
Robert Christmon, Utility
Melvin Cox, 77th Street
Robert Fleshman, 77th Street
Salvatore Gariti, DesPlaines Mtc.
Joseph Harris, Gen'l Mtc.
Charles James, 69th Street
George Munyer, Bus Rel. Area
Bernard Murphy, North Avenue
Milan Norum, Howard/Kimball
Patricia Polic, Payroll Acctg.
Harvey Schneider, Crim. & Traf. Law
William Sorensen, Washington
Spelios Verges, Gen'l Mtc.
Walter Walker Jr., Lawndale
John Woods, Gen'l Mtc.

New Pensioners for August, September and October

ROBERT ADAMS, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 7-8-59
LEROY CARR, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 7-15-46
MAGNUS EDGAR Jr., Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 7-19-54

IN MEMORIAM

HELEN EDWARDS, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 11-6-65
HENRY FULLRIEDE, Sr. Proc. Engr.,
Materials Management, Emp. 1-24-49
HARRY GARRETT, Money Handler I,
South Shops, Emp. 7-19-56
STANLEY HILLOCK, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 10-19-47
VELMA HUSBAND, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 6-6-59
LACY JACKSON, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 7-19-54
PATRICK JUDGE, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 3-23-59
MICHAEL KELLY, Project Manager,
Fac. Engr. & Maint., Emp. 7-13-59
FRANK KLEICH Jr., Motorman,
Kimball, Emp. 11-26-45
MAX KUCHAN Jr., Carpenter,
South Shops, Emp. 4-9-47
LANGLEY LYKINS, Asst. Supt.,
South District, Emp. 2-24-49
JOSEPH MARKOS, Rail Clerk,
Jefferson Park, Emp. 1-16-46
PAUL PSIK, Carpenter,
South Shops, Emp. 5-14-64
STANLEY PSZCZOLA, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 2-28-45
LLOYD RAMSEY, Janitor,
Limits, Emp. 6-20-57
CHARLES ROBERSON, Janitor,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-10-53
DONALD RUOEDE, Shopman I,
Rail Shops, Emp. 4-4-48
DANIEL SAGEL, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-1-71
CLIFTON SERVANT, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 8-28-47
FRANK SPROVIERI, Carpenter Leader,
South Shops, Emp. 12-12-52
THOMAS SOUTHERN, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 11-20-58
RALEIGH STAMPER, Bus Repairer,
Archer, Emp. 7-25-50
ROBERT WATKINS, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 5-20-57
SAMUEL WILLIAMS, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 5-22-51

Disability Retirements

HERBERT BRYANT, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 5-27-63
CURTIS COLEMAN, Bus Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 3-1-65
OPHELIA ELLIS, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 7-18-74
TOBBIE GOWANS, Blksm. Wldr. Ldr. A,
South Shops, Emp. 3-9-61
LOUIS HALSELL, Bus Operator,
Transp., Emp. 12-1-66
ROBERT HENLEY, Bus Operator,
Limits, Emp. 6-2-70
BOBBY JOHNSON, Laborer,
West Shops, Emp. 11-14-69
RICHARD LANETT, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 7-28-55
GILES LIDDELL Jr., Bus Operator,
Limits, Emp. 4-12-73
EARNEST NEAL Jr., Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-4-71
MOISES RAJCZYK, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 4-5-71
ESTEBAN ROSARIO, Rail Janitor,
Madison/Wabash, Emp. 4-21-72
ROOSEVELT SMITH, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 4-16-73
DUANE THOMPSON, Bus Repairer,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-30-67

HERMAN ANDERS, 78, Res. & Plngng.,
Emp. 9-25-28, Died 8-25-84
PAUL ANDERSON, 68, Limits,
Emp. 6-24-47, Died 7-16-84
MOSES ASHLEY, 70, South Section,
Emp. 10-13-43, Died 7-23-84
CYRIL BALDWIN, 80, South Shops,
Emp. 2-5-47, Died 7-27-84
TED BARGER, 72, Gen. Finance,
Emp. 9-10-46, Died 6-3-84
RALPH BRIGGS, 82, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-6-43, Died 7-10-84
EDGAR BROWN, 77, North Avenue,
Emp. 10-10-28, Died 6-27-84
JOSEPH BUTLER, 88, South Section
Emp. 11-24-22, Died 8-8-84
JAMES BYRNE, 84, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 3-29-28, Died 7-3-84
MARY CASSELLS, 82, North Section,
Emp. 6-23-41, Died 6-28-84
JOSEPH COCHRANE, 75, Keeler,
Emp. 3-24-43, Died 8-27-84
ALONZO COQUILLETTE, 94, Devon,
Emp. 6-18-09, Died 6-20-84
RAYMOND DAGENAIS, 71, Transp.,
Emp. 8-15-41, Died 8-20-84
CARL DANDY, 71, Archer,
Emp. 8-17-36, Died 7-13-84
ROBERT DAVIS, 70, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-22-46, Died 8-7-84
RAYMOND DOLL, 88, Lawndale,
Emp. 1-28-24, Died 5-13-84
NICHOLAS DOP, 86, Beverly,
Emp. 2-27-19, Died 7-12-84
EDWARD DUNN, 78, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-26-33, Died 8-5-84
JOHN EICHINGER, 80, West Section,
Emp. 4-17-44, Died 8-28-84
CHARLES EICHLER, 78, Forest Glen,
Emp. 9-19-29, Died 8-30-84
LEROY GRAHAM, 79, Limits,
Emp. 10-27-33, Died 6-20-84
EDWARD GREEN, 61, 95th Street,
Emp. 3-25-57, Died 6-3-84
JOHN HARNETT, 84, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 3-22-27, Died 6-17-84
ANGELOS HAROS, 84, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 11-26-28, Died 7-18-84
RICHARD HARRIS, 78, West Section,
Emp. 1-19-51, Died 8-18-84
THOMAS HILDEBRANT, 72, District D,
Emp. 3-13-34, Died 7-20-84
ERNEST HOWARD, 79, West Section,
Emp. 9-29-26, Died 7-8-84
ZDZISLAW HURMAN, 63, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-11-67, Died 8-11-84
AUGUST ILG, 81, Engineering,
Emp. 2-12-42, Died 6-21-84
CHARLES ISAACSON, 81, Transportation,
Emp. 1-5-16, Died 7-22-84
JOHN JARRELL, 81, Engineering,
Emp. 7-29-26, Died 8-9-84
EDWARD JENSKI, 62, Utility,
Emp. 7-18-47, Died 7-2-84
JOSEPH JOHNSON, 69, Lawndale,
Emp. 9-8-58, Died 7-24-84
DONALD KANGAS, 77, North Section,
Emp. 4-23-28, Died 5-19-84
MATEUSAS KAUPAS, 96, West Shops,
Emp. 2-27-17, Died 11-18-83
HENRY KOSCHNITZKI, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-22-29, Died 6-27-84
HARRIET KRYZAN, 71, Compt /Acctg.,
Emp. 3-1-51, Died 6-22-84
FRANCIS KSIAZEK, 80, North Avenue,
Emp. 9-23-52, Died 7-23-84

ALEXANDER LUCE, 78, Lawndale,
Emp. 2-13-36, Died 11-13-83
BERNARD LUDWIG, 69, North Section,
Emp. 6-4-46, Died 8-23-84
JAMES LYNAM, 74, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-18-42, Died 7-5-84
FRANK MANHART, 86, Limits,
Emp. 6-9-26, Died 7-31-84
JOHN MCGAHEY, 79, West Shops,
Emp. 5-11-27, Died 6-9-84
CARMEN MILFORD, 75, Security,
Emp. 1-9-43, Died 6-23-84
JOHN MILLER, 54, Washington Garage,
Emp. 7-28-48, Died 8-14-84
EDWARD NESTOR, 77, South Shops,
Emp. 7-12-46, Died 6-20-84
GERALD NOLAN, 72, Claims/Law/Real Est.,
Emp. 5-18-56, Died 8-30-84
WILLIAM NOLL, 92, Limits,
Emp. 3-26-13, Died 7-30-84
PATRICK O'BYRNE, 85, North Park,
Emp. 8-21-42, Died 8-29-84
JAMES O'CONNOR, 81, Kimball,
Emp. 8-10-36, Died 5-24-84
JOHN O'CONNOR, 81, 52nd Street,
Emp. 2-22-27, Died 6-11-84
LOUIS OLANDESE, 62, Adm. Services,
Emp. 1-4-47, Died 8-7-84
HAROLD O'MALLEY, 71, Adm. Services,
Emp. 9-2-42, Died 8-4-84
HARTWELL ONSTOTT, 62, North Avenue,
Emp. 12-5-60, Died 7-4-84
MARION PERRIN, 84, Security,
Emp. 1-24-51, Died 7-13-84
JAMES PHILBIN, 88, Central District,
Emp. 12-16-19, Died 6-29-84
LEO PLUSKOWSKI, 79, North Avenue,
Emp. 6-17-29, Died 8-10-84
NICK PORCARO, 90, Skokie,
Emp. 4-16-43, Died 8-31-84
ROBERT POWELL, 70, Archer,
Emp. 11-19-53, Died 6-20-84
VIOLA RESTE, 78, Track,
Emp. 6-26-39, Died 6-27-84
THEODORE RHIND, 86, North Park,
Emp. 12-2-26, Died 8-25-84
HERBERT SAFFRAHAN, 76, West Section,
Emp. 11-26-40, Died 6-25-84
LAURA SCHRECKE, 84, Sched./Traff.,
Emp. 6-1-30, Died 6-2-84
OSCAR SEVON, 84, Keeler,
Emp. 2-5-29, Died 8-22-84
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Love those CUBS but oh that CTA!

WrigleyField sign promotes use of public transit for ball fans. Bus Supervisor Thomas Christian stands beneath sign preparing for game to be completed.



Chicago Cubs baseball fans expressed approval for their beloved "Cubbies" and the Chicago Transit Authority after the Cubs defeated the San Diego Padres on October 3 in Wrigley Field.

Their team's 4-2 victory brought a full-throated roar from the 34,000 fans inside the nearly 60-year-old ball yard at Addison and Clark streets on Chicago's North Side.

Then they streamed out of the ball park and poured onto the sidewalks like a breach in a dike.

They weren't going to their cars in convenient multi-level parking facilities, because Wrigley Field is in a residential community and there are no large parking lots near the ball park.

Still, less than 45 minutes after the game was over, most of the 34,000 fans were nowhere near Wrigley Field. Most were on their way home, or wherever. Thanks to CTA.

Just a half block east of Wrigley Field is CTA's Addison

elevated station, more than 20 years older than the ball park, and portal to the CTA's popular Howard-Englewood-Jackson Park "L"-subway route serving Chicago's lakefront, South Side, and suburban Evanston, Skokie, and Wilmette.

What did the crowd think about CTA service at Wrigley Field?

That question was asked in the fast-flowing mass of humanity moving toward the Addison station.

"Terrific!" shouted a young blonde hanging on her boyfriend's arm. "The best," the boyfriend added. A junior executive, in his rumpled three-piece suit, laughed and shouted "Let's hear it for the good ole CTA!" A loud cheer went up as the throng entered the station, paid fares, swept upstairs, and boarded arriving trains.

One of the best testimonials for the quality of the CTA's service came from a young man who expressed his silent approval with a thumbs-up gesture.



CTA buses and rapid transit trains transport Cubs baseball fans from Wrigley field at Clark and Addison streets after the second playoff game between the Cubs and the San Diego Padres. About 18,000 persons boarded trains and buses in less than 30 minutes.

Before the fans' roar of approval for the Cubs' victory sounded throughout the neighborhood called "Wrigleyville," the CTA had seven ticket agents in place and ready to serve the mass of riders with computer-like speed. Also at the ready upstairs were rail supervisors Jim Fahey on the northbound platform and William Jones on the southbound platform.

Agent supervisors Peter Rago and Ethel Armstrong assisted ticket agents Everett Mann, Lola Ducree, Charlotte Brent, Valeri McAuley, Raymond Rodriguez, Rene Melendez, and Bobby Reeves.

Within 25 minutes after the game was over, more than 14,000 persons had paid fares, gone upstairs, boarded trains, and left.

On Addison just east of Clark, bus superintendents Herman Miles and Walter Thomas scheduled supervisor Thomas Christian and six assistants to assure prompt service for the departing ball fans.

CTA buses, in elephant-like single file and bumper to bumper, were quickly filled with riders entering front doors, with rear doors manned by fare collectors. Working for Christian were assistant supervisors Huey Danzie, Joseph Cook, Lee Otis Hall, L. J. Fletcher, John Grace, and Roy Ripka Jr.

As the buses crept westward, they stuck bumper-to-bumper.

"Any space large enough for a person to pass between the buses would permit those on the sidewalk to spill out onto the street and block the forward movement of the buses," explained Michael LaVelle, manager of Transportation Service.

In about 45 minutes nearly 4,000 persons were loaded onto Addison and Clark buses and were on their way.

Was October 3rd an unusual day for CTA service at Wrigley Field because the Cubs and Padres were in a playoff game for the National League championship?

"Not really," said LaVelle. "Every Cub home game this year since the All Star game in July has been a sellout or nearly one. It looks so easy because it all began with the first opening day at Wrigley back in the 1920's."

Of the 34,000 fans at Wrigley Field on Oct. 3rd, 18,000 or more than half, used the CTA. The rest used chartered buses, cabs, livery cars, or drove their cars and parked—somewhere.



From the Chairman

A banner year

As 1984 draws to a close, my fellow Board members and I congratulate all CTA employees who have helped make 1984 another banner year for transit in Chicago. Through your efforts, this was a year of both facilities and personnel improvement that will enable us to provide excellent transit service for years to come.

In June we celebrated the opening of the new Kedzie Bus Garage. As the first of a new generation of bus service and maintenance facilities, Kedzie features state of the art maintenance efficiency and energy-saving indoor bus parking. In July construction was started on a similar bus garage at 103rd Street and Stony Island Avenue. Installation of caissons and grade beams is now in progress, and we expect to open the new garage in the spring of 1987.

We have made great strides in rapid transit facility improvement including subway station modernization in the Downtown area, the opening of a completely remodelled Polk Street Station on the Douglas route, and, most significantly, the completion of the O'Hare Extension. O'Hare ridership levels have been encouraging, and, during the holiday season, the O'Hare route proved to be a valuable convenience for northwest area residents, airport employees, and air travelers.

Personal improvement and job commitment have also reached new levels. Through the efforts of the Employees Safety Performance Program and other training and incentive programs throughout the Authority we have established excellent public safety and maintenance safety statistics. Voluntary improvement programs continue to grow. In its fourth year, the Bus Rodeo fielded a record number of entrants, and maintenance employees joined operating employees in CTA's first Bus Maintenance Rodeo. The Third Rail Roundup provided a challenge for more rapid transit employees in its second year, and the new Ticket Agent TieUp was a success. Throughout all departments, increased participation in job knowledge and skill development programs has strengthened our most valuable resource — you, our employees.

We appreciate the professionalism and dedication demonstrated by CTA employees, and we urge you to greet 1985 with the same enthusiasm that has made CTA a leader in the transit industry and a valuable service for the people of Chicago.

Michael LaVelle

Bernard Ford is APTA president, Mrs. Edwards gets COMTO region



Bernard J. Ford



Betty Edwards

CTA Executive Director Bernard J. Ford was elected president of the American Public Transit Association's board of directors.

APTA elected officers at its annual membership meeting held October 1 in conjunction with the annual meeting and International Public Transit Expo '84.

Ford has been an active member of the Technical Advisory Committee

of the Illinois Transportation Study Commission, a member of the APTA Board of Directors, chairman of the Rail Safety Review Board, chairman of the Rail Transit Steering committee, a member of the APTA Membership committee, and the Awards committee.

The CTA board appointed him as its Executive Director on June 2, 1982 following a seven year hiatus which he spent with the Regional Transportation Authority, first as special assistant to the RTA chairman, and director of Transportation, and finally as RTA General Manager. Previously, Ford worked for CTA from 1956 to 1975.

His CTA career has included service as chief administrative officer, special assistant to the chairman, director of Personnel Administration, and various positions in research and personnel training.

A native of Chicago, Bernard Ford studied at Loyola and Northwestern Universities, and the University of Notre Dame where he majored in industrial psychology.

In other elections, Mrs. Betty B. Edwards, CTA Community Affairs Manager, was named Region Four president, Conference of Minority Transit Officials, as COMTO convened its annual session in conjunction with the annual APTA membership meeting.

The region includes Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Harold Pollard, general manager of Waukegan Transit, was elected to the COMTO national board as a delegate-at-large. Waukegan Transit is a charter member of the COMTO Chicago chapter.

The Conference of Minority Transit Officials has set Chicago as the site for the organization's national mid-year conference scheduled to convene April 25-27, Mrs. Edwards said.

George J. Clark named to APTA Hall of Fame



George J. Clark, a 39-year veteran of Chicago public transit service, was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the American Public Transit Association October 3 in a ceremony at Washington, D.C.

Clark retired in 1974 as CTA's superintendent of Shops and Equipment, then equivalent to manager. Clark was honored by APTA for his many innovations in compiling specifications for bus and rapid transit cars and other accomplishments which improved buses and rapid transit cars.

Now a resident of Simi Valley, California, Clark attended the ceremony in Washington, where 10 transportation leaders were honored by APTA and members of the transit industry throughout North America.

He began his career with the Chicago Surface Lines. In 1947 he began guiding the newly created Chicago Transit Authority's maintenance department to become one of the premier organizations in the industry, and he pioneered many innovations that have since become standards and techniques used throughout the transit industry.

Clark joins another retired CTA official in APTA's Hall of Fame—Walter J. McCarter, CTA's first general manager, who was among the first inductees named to the Hall in 1983.

Hispanic Federation names Elda Leal "Woman of Year"



Elda Leal, superintendent, CTA Community Relations, named the 1984 "Woman of the Year" by this Hispanic Federation of Illinois Chambers of Commerce, demonstrates her goodwill at-large ambassadorship as she distributes fliers promoting public transportation. The Chambers of Commerce honored the veteran CTA employee in recognition of her personal achievements and community contributions.

Elda Leal, superintendent of community relations in the recently created Community Affairs Department, has been named Woman of the Year by the Hispanic Federation of Illinois Chambers of Commerce.

The award was presented at the chamber's Third annual Installation and Awards Dinner on November 20 at the McCormick Center Hotel. The Woman of the Year Award is presented annually to an individual who has excelled in the business community and has contributed towards the advancement of the Hispanic community in Illinois.

Mrs. Leal's personal achievements and community contributions earned her the 1984 title of Woman of the Year by a unanimous vote of the Hispanic Federation Of Illinois Chambers of Commerce.

A CTA employee since 1973, Mrs. Leal started her career as a

secretary/customer assistance representative. In 1975 she was promoted to community news representative to serve as liaison to the Spanish language news media. In 1981 she was named media coordinator.

Mrs. Leal is a graduate of the English Commercial Institute of Monterrey, Mexico, and has studied at Northwestern University. She is president of El Hogar del Nino social service agency, which serves the Latin-American community, and a board member of the General Woods Chicago Boys Club.

She is also a member of the Mexican-American Business and Professional Women of Chicago, the Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement, and the executive committee of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, Chicago Metropolitan Area Chapter (COMTO).

Former personnel manager Fran Knautz dies



Francis C. (Fran) Knautz, 70, retired CTA personnel manager, died Friday, November 9, in St. Anne Hospital after a short illness.

Mr. Knautz had a 35-year career in public transit before his retirement in 1977. He is survived by his wife, Rose Anne, three sons, and his mother.

He joined the Chicago Surface Lines in 1942 at Lawndale Garage as a clerk. As his career developed he was superintendent of job classification, superintendent of employee relations, and assistant secretary of the Chicago Transit Board.

He was appointed director, Public Information on October 1, 1964, and subsequently was named personnel manager.

Mr. Knautz attended Austin High School and Northwestern University. He was an active mason, and shiner, and since his retirement from CTA, he had been active in real estate sales.

Commendation Corner

Denise Bragg (West Section) was the conductor of an O'Hare-Douglas train that Steve Takaki boarded at O'Hare terminal en route to his home on Diversey Avenue. "The newly opened O'Hare terminal station was a delightful pleasure indeed. I would like to commend the conductor of the train for the professional manner in which she conducted her duties. She made the passengers aware of the points of interest, welcoming people aboard the new service, as well as announcing all the station stops, transfer points and prohibiting laws. A person of such high competence must be praised and shown the proper gratitude deserved."



John Lawson (Archer garage) was the operator of a No. 129 North Western/Franklin bus that Louie Parrott boarded near his office on West Jackson Boulevard. "Something was wrong with our bus - a red light would begin to glow, and the driver would have to race the engine for a few seconds. This happened four times before we reached our destination, and each time the passengers would react with complaints, moans, etc. The driver said nothing, just revved the engine and got us on our way. I told him I thought he was extremely courteous, considering the level of abuse he was taking, and he just smiled and thanked me."

Clovee Mattox (North Avenue garage) is admired by Rosemarie Stewart, of Marmora Avenue, for his "extraordinary efforts to serve the public" as operator of a No. 65 Grand bus. "He will help handicapped persons on and off his bus. I saw him help one elderly woman last winter with two heavy shopping bags. He helped her down from the bus, carried her bags down, and put them carefully into a doorway out of the weather so she could rest a bit. I've also seen him ask young people to give up their front seats to handicapped persons. He is courteous to drivers and passengers, and is always aware of what is going on in his bus."

Charles Young (West Section) was commended by Colette McNulty, of River Forest, for his courtesy as conductor of a Congress-O'Hare train. "He makes every effort to inform passengers, and to make them aware of extra information that could mean the difference between being lost and knowing exactly where you are going. At each stop, he announces the name of the station and its numerical location, the train designation, and the final destination. At downtown stops he also gives points of interest and important businesses surrounding the station. It is this kind of service that gives Chicago the image of a friendly town."



William Knudsen (Forest Glen garage) was complimented for his courtesy as operator of a No. 78 Montrose bus by Lolita Mancini, of North Mulligan Avenue. "This gentleman will wait that extra minute for a passenger who is running for the bus. His cheery 'Good morning' or 'I missed you yesterday' makes one feel that riding his bus is a privilege, rather than a chore. Senior citizens are greeted with respect, and many comments are made among his passengers that he makes them feel recognized. This super driver even gives students such respect that they have their money, passes and a smile ready when they board."

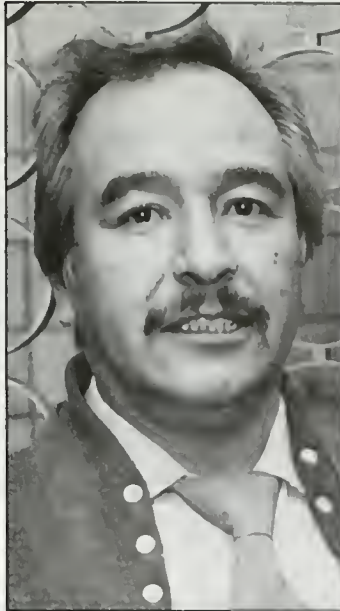
Helen Woods (77th Street garage) was called "a wonderful person" by Edwina Smith, of Marine Drive, who was a rider on her No. 4 Cottage Grove bus. "I noticed her from 69th Street all the way to the Loop. She was so considerate of so many people. She saw a couple with several small children running for the bus and waited for them, greeting them with a wonderful smile and a happy hello. In fact, she greeted everyone with a smile and was very nice. I must add that she is a very good driver, very careful and mindful of the other drivers on the street. What a great combination! What a pleasure to meet such a wonderful bus driver!"

Alvin Bond (North Avenue garage) is "one in a million," according to Bee Samuel, of North Troy Street, who was a rider on his No. 77 Belmont bus. "I boarded his bus in front of St. Joseph Hospital. I told him I had tendonitis of the right knee, and he would have to be patient with my slowness. He said, 'Take your time.' His attire was clean, he was courteous, and he drove carefully and cautiously trying to avoid the worst potholes on Belmont Avenue. He also called out the street names loud and clear, and cheerfully answered passengers' questions about their destinations. Why can't we have more drivers like him?"

LeRoy Carr (Forest Glen garage - retired) is missed by riders on an early morning No. 85A North Central bus, according to Robert Hogan, who rode it regularly en route to his office on South LaSalle Street. "I know that I speak for many of my fellow No. 85A riders in praising the traits of courtesy, patience, and understanding, which were the trademark of LeRoy Carr. In addition to these qualities, he never failed to maintain a timely schedule. We were all reminded of this last December, when he was on vacation. For about two weeks, the replacement drivers either failed to show up or were late."

Commendation Corner

Robert Surita (77th Street garage) was appreciated for his courtesy by Tanya Brumfield, of Drexel Avenue, who was a rider on his No. 79 79th Street bus. "I feel he gives exceptional service to the public. He is extremely courteous, and greets you with a smile each day. He calls all of the stops, and reminds you to be careful when boarding or leaving the bus. He is usually always on schedule, and will wait if you are approaching or running for the bus. This driver is someone special. I would hope that his positive attitude and exceptional service will be acknowledged. It's a pleasure to ride his bus each day."



Ruth Neal (77th Street garage) was noticed by Velo Wright Sr., of South Shore Drive, for her consideration as operator of a No. 27 South Deering bus. "She extended a pleasant smile to each passenger who entered the bus, and wished exiting passengers a nice evening. South of 63rd Street, I saw an elderly lady hurrying to reach the next stop. The operator guided the bus along the curb, and stopped well before the bus stop. Calling to the lady, she told her to stop running and come aboard. With a smile she said, 'I don't want you to run like that.' It was comforting to be transported by someone who really cares."

Leon Davis (North Park garage) is considered "one of your finer employees" by Sylvia Moore, of Pine Grove Avenue, who was a rider on his No. 147 Outer Drive Express bus. "He was most courteous. I noticed that he greeted every passenger who boarded the bus with a smile. He took precaution not to jerk the bus while pulling off, so as not to make any of the passengers lose their footing. He was very helpful to those who needed questions answered. And he showed authentic interest in helping to solve their problems. To sum things up, I could have slept all the way home because of the smoothness of the ride."

Hattie Sandrella (North Section) was praised for her performance as conductor of an Evanston Express train by David Yablong, of North LaSalle Street. "She and the motorman both got the two-car elevated train started after it stalled at the street intersection just south of the Linden Avenue station. It was she who directed the motorman, and suggested how to get the train started. She took the controls while the motorman used 'the stingers' to get current from the electrified rail past the intersection. She explained to the passengers that everything was all right with the train, but that it had stalled."



Rudolph Blakemore (North Avenue garage) was applauded by Christina O'Shogay, who rode his No. 66 Chicago bus to her job on East Chicago Avenue. "He was the most courteous, pleasant, caring individual I have ridden with on this route in 12 years. He deserves recognition for the superior manner in which he handles his bus and passengers. He calls out every stop, says 'Good morning' to each passenger, thanks you for your transfer, tells everyone to 'Hold on,' and instructs boarding passengers to move to the rear to make room for others. He is very polite and conscientious, and obviously does his job to the best of his ability."

Cedrick Johnson (Kedzie garage) was saluted by Geraldine Szpekowski, of Diversey Avenue, for his conscientiousness at the Devon-Kedzie terminal. "Along with other passengers, I waited a few minutes to board the (No. 82 Kimball/Homan) bus, upon the request of the operator. He picked up a broom and shovel to clean out his bus, which was dirty with pop cans, juice containers, newspapers, lunch wrappers, etc. When asked why he was cleaning up, he said, 'You pay for service, not dirty buses.' I was impressed, too, because he didn't just sweep it out the door, but picked up and discarded the rubbish, leaving the terminal clean."

Searcy Barnett (North Park garage) won the approval of Hannah Kraus, of Lunt Avenue, for the way he operated his No. 151 Sheridan bus. "He should be commended for his many kindnesses and attention to the riders. I have encountered him before, and have noted his patience and kind explanation of routes, transfers, etc. Yesterday, as the bus was pulling to a stop, he noticed a young blind girl trying to step down to cross the street. He called to her, explaining that she should move to the right, as her cane touched a pole. Noting that she seemed uncertain, he alighted from the bus and helped her across the street."

Thomas Davis (Washington garage) was the subject of a letter from Mary O'Malley, of North Sawyer Avenue. "I would not be able to come to work if it weren't for the (Special Services) bus which picks me up each morning and takes me home in the evening. Mr. Davis has been our driver for almost two years now. He is one of the finest human beings I have ever met. Not only is he a fine driver, but he also takes very good care of his passengers, helps us board the bus in all kinds of weather, assists us with our packages, and is generally cheerful and helpful. He is an excellent representative of your fine organization."

Seven operating employees honored with Day in CTA

Seven employees of the Operations Division have been accorded honors through "A Day in CTA" for outstanding service above and beyond normal duties.

Motorman Cordell Bruns, a member of the 1983 Roundhouse 18, and his conductor, Arthur Loman, were credited with averting a tragedy and possibly saving the life of a passenger who fell between the third and fourth cars of the crew's north-bound West-South train at 95th Street.

Bruns, responding to Loman's signal, brought his train to an immediate stop after traveling only a short distance. The passenger had been running along the platform when he attempted to jump aboard the moving train. As he fell the conductor signaled the motorman to stop and pulled the emergency cord.

Other employees recognized for acts of heroism were conductors Joe Jones, Douglas Terminal, and Richard Corbett, Kimball Terminal. Jones was working the Congress O'Hare route from Desplaines when a woman came into his car complaining that teenagers had attempted to rob her. Jones notified his motorman to stop the train and the CTA Control Center and police were immediately alerted. The conductor's genuine interest and concern prompted a commendation from the passenger as well as CTA recognition.

Operations personnel said Conductor Corbett observed a fight between three people at Wells and Madison on the Ravenswood route, and had the train stopped. Upon investigating, Corbett found that one person had been robbed of his wallet by two other men who fled down the platform. One of the offenders ran from the platform onto the tracks, and Corbett gave chase when the power was turned off.

In a similar incident, bus operator Lester Lockhart, 77th Street Garage, subdued and restrained a man who was attacking a woman at 130th and Indiana Avenue. Lockhart held the man until help arrived.



"Day in CTA" honorees received a briefing from bus controller Lealie Hinton as they toured the Control Center. They are (from left) motorman Cordell Bruns, rail conductors Joe Jones and Arthur Loman, and bus operator Lester Lockhart.



Special recognition for outstanding performance and service beyond their normal responsibilities was accorded these operating employees on "A Day in CTA." They are (from left) rail conductor Richard Corbett, bus operator Jeanette Martin, and bus supervisor Willie McCain.

Compassion for an unattended child observed by operator Jeanette Martin of Archer Garage prompted the recognition of this employee. Ms. Martin was working the 79th Street route near Stony Island Avenue at approximately 9 pm when she saw the small boy. She took the child aboard her bus, the police were notified, and the child was reunited with his mother.

Meanwhile, the activities of a 27-year-old would-be busnapper were halted, thanks to the alert response of District A supervisor Willie McCain. McCain observed a bus standing at

100th and Commercial shortly after midnight with improper destination signs. He reported the matter to the Control Center and was advised that the vehicle had been stolen from 69th Street Garage. Police were notified, and the man aboard the bus, who claimed to be a CTA repairman, was taken into custody.

These employees were honored by the Operations Division for displaying thorough job knowledge and a high degree of professionalism in situations that, in most cases, involved personal risk.

New Rail Cars

Louis Grabowski (left), acting foreman, discusses inspection of the first car of the second lot of 300 new 2600 series rail cars with Tom Poindexter, Budd Car Company representative, and George Haenisch (right) superintendent, Rail Vehicle Shops. The cars were delivered to Skokie Shops where they were being prepared for integration into the CTA system. The complete shipment of 600 cars is the largest single rail car order in CTA's history.



Thanks for a job well done

Employees who have received commendations from the public.

Robert Abbinanti, Forest Glen
Charles Alexander, 77th Street
Rosa Alfaro, Forest Glen
Syed Alimuddin, West Section
Earl Allen, District C
Lavan Anderson, Kedzie
Leffherry Andoniadis, North Park

Francisco Aragon, North Park
Rogelio Arrazola, North Park
Drake Atkins, Central Counting
Katie Avery, North Avenue

Lerline Ball, 77th Street
Darryl Barber, North Avenue
Bobby Barnes, 69th Street
Searcy Barnett, North Park
Edward Barry, North Avenue
Arnold Beler, North Park
Samuel Bellmon, Limits
Albert Borner Jr., 77th Street
Bruce Bradley, 77th Street
Elton Branch, 77th Street
Charles Briscoe, North Avenue
Junior Broadbent, Forest Glen
Bill Brown, Limits
Claudia Brown, Limits
Joe Bullock, Limits
Janet Burton, North Park
Allen Butler, North Park
James Butler, North Park

Robert Cadiz, North Park
Jean Cage, North Park
Leroy Carr, Forest Glen
Delois Carter, Forest Glen
Ethel Claiborne, 77th Street
Patricia Cobb, North Park
Jerry Conner, North Park
Javier Cortez, Jefferson Park
Arnold Crater, 77th Street
James Cruthird, Bus Instruction
Earl Cunningham, Kedzie
Michal Czyzynski, North Park

Hayse Daugherty, Archer
George Davenport, 77th Street
Vincent Dawson, Forest Glen
Johnny Dickerson, North Avenue

Wilbert Dohrmann, Forest Glen
Harper Donahue Jr., 77th Street
Richard Dorsch, North Avenue
Frank Drewrey, Special Services
Daniel Dzyacky, North Park

Edward Elam, 69th Street
John Elmore, North Park

Atsila Fair, 77th Street
Jesus Fernandez, North Park
Angela Floyd, 77th Street

Eleanor Garro, Law
David Gaston, North Park
Kris Gielniewski, 77th Street
Jeffrey Gilbert, Howard/Kimball
Wallacene Good, Forest Glen
Rose Goody, Archer
Mitchell Gray, Howard/Kimball
Ronald Gray Sr., Beverly
Lorenzo Gunn Jr., Forest Glen

Harold Hamler, Limits
James Hampton, Howard/Kimball
Niki Hansen, Forest Glen
Hyman Harrison, Forest Glen
William Head, Forest Glen
Leonard Heady, Beverly
Venita Higgins, 77th Street
Isaac Holden, 77th Street
Samuel Howard, West Section
Roger Hudson, 77th Street

Rosa Irizarry, Forest Glen

Harry Jackson, North Park
Davis Jackson, Limits
Bennie Jackson Jr., Forest Glen
James Jeffries, Limits
Manuel Johnson, Beverly
Donnie Johnson, 77th Street
Curtis Johnson, 77th Street
Gilbert Johnson, 77th Street
Bryan Jones, 69th Street
Howard Jones, Archer
Isaac Jones, Archer
Pierre Jose, Support Services

Robert Kantor, Forest Glen
Joseph Kelso, 69th Street

Joe Kent, 77th Street
Harvey Kirkpatrick, Bus Instruction
John Kloska, Jefferson Park
Kenneth Koral, Elec. Veh. Design

Robert Kremer, North Park
Kenneth Kusek, North Park

Lee Lampley, 77th Street
Pauline Lankin, 77th Street
Marco Lara, Forest Glen
Charles Lindsay, Kedzie
Leonard Lloyd, North Park
Shirley Louis, North Avenue

Nelson Machado, Forest Glen
Albert Mangram, North Avenue
William Markowski, Forest Glen
Jesse Marshall Jr., North Park
Angel Martinez, North Park
Ernest McCormick, North Park
James McDonald, Kedzie
Mable Mitchell, South Section
Angel Mojica, North Park
Humberto Monroy, North Park
Jack Moore, North Park
Eugene Motyka, Jefferson Park
Ubaldo Munoz, North Park
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Lawrence Tuggle, 77th Street
Elbert Turner, West Section

Sandra Venton, 69th Street

Ronnie Walker, Beverly
Willie Walker, North Park
Billy Walker, Forest Glen
Hazel Walker, Limits
Thomas Walker, Limits
Barbara Ware, 77th Street
Leon Washington, 77th Street
O. D. Watson, 69th Street
Conrad Well, Forest Glen
Laurence Whitney, Limits
Peter Willemssen, North Park
Wayne Williams, Bus Instruction

Jacques Yezeguelian, North Avenue
Thelma Young, Forest Glen

CTA basketball team

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General Office Outlaws 1983-84 Basketball tournament champions show off individual and team trophies. The trophy display followed a banquet at the Americana Hotel honoring tournament participants. Members of the team are (from left): Coach Arliss Jones, Marvin Kelsey (statistician), Phillip Ross, Coach Arthur Hubbard, Reggie Williams, Carl King, Joe Jackson, Sam Miller and John Harvey.



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Blue Thunder Coach Will Williams (left) was named Coach of the Year. Comprised of personnel from various CTA locations, Blue Thunder proved to be a tough National League challenger in spite of entering the league late in the season. Coach Williams' team finished in third place. Making the presentation is Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241 President Elcosie Gresham.

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honored at banquet



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Limits Lakers Coach Alexander Miller accepts the second place trophy from ATU Local 241 President Gresham. Although runners-up to the General Office Outlaws, the Lakers were 1983-84 National League Division champions.

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General Office Outlaws guard John Harvey (left) shows off his prize, the championship game's Most Valuable Player (MVP) trophy as Gresham looks on approvingly.

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Limits Lakers guard Anthony Coleman (right) was honored with a trophy, presented by ATU President Gresham for having earned the most points in the championship playoff.

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CTA General Attorney Hughes heads list of CTA honorees



CTA General Attorney Joyce A. Hughes was named winner of the 1984 Outstanding Achievement Award in the Professions sponsored by the YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago. Presentation was made October 3 at the YWCA's annual Leader Luncheon.

Ms. Hughes is the first female and black General Attorney ever appointed by CTA. She is responsible for all CTA legal activities which include advising and serving as legal counsel for the CTA Board. She heads a department of more than 150 attorneys, workers compensation, claims, real estate, and labor relations personnel.

Attorney Hughes' name was submitted in nomination to the YWCA Leader Luncheon Awards Committee by the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, Chicago Metropolitan Area Chapter.

The recommendation, signed by COMTO President Betty B. Edwards, noted, "Through the years, Attorney Hughes has demonstrated excellence and leadership in the field of law and is an exemplary model for young women throughout Metropolitan Chicago and the entire nation as a professor of law, as a member of the Chicago School Board, and as a

volunteer with numerous social service agencies and organizations.

"Attorney Hughes has worked untiringly in order that young people will benefit from the fruits of her labor and become successful adults and leaders of tomorrow..."

Ten other CTA women recommended by CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli, also received recognition from the Leadership Luncheon Awards Committee. They were: Marjorie Holmes Banks, manager, Affirmative Action; Betty B. Edwards, manager, Community Relations; Anita Curtis, manager, Personnel Administration; Florence Salus, director, Engineering and Maintenance Personnel Service; and Virginia Wendorf, director, Financial Reporting and Analysis.

Others receiving recognition were: Lorene Murray, superintendent, General Law; Loretta Eadie-Daniels, superintendent, Tort Litigation, and attorneys Loretta Cooney, Andre Bryant, and Kathleen Herrmann. Each of the 10 recipients received a certificate for "outstanding contribution to the CTA," and honoring "the leadership of women in the economic, cultural, and civic life of the Chicago metropolitan community."

Ms. Hughes has been a practicing attorney with various private and public law offices since 1967. She is currently a professor of law at Northwestern University, and has served on the Board of Directors of Leadership Greater Chicago since 1982. She also serves as vice president of the Chicago Community Renewal Society.

A Fulbright Scholar, Ms. Hughes is a director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, a trustee of Carleton College and past President of the Chicago Forum.

She is the former senior attorney for the Continental Illinois National Bank, and has served on the Chicago Board of Education, the Governor's Council on Jobs and Economy, and the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Evidence. She served six years as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Urban League, and was a trustee of the National Girl Scouts.



Marjorie Holmes Banks, Manager, Affirmative Action, since September 1981, joined CTA's Insurance Department May 26, 1970, and was appointed to the Human Relations Department in 1974. A frequent business, social and religious organization lecturer on stress management, Mrs. Banks is also an instructor in the Roosevelt University Business College's Evening and Weekend division. Credentials include a BS degree in personnel administration and an MBA from Roosevelt. She is listed in Who's Who in the Midwest and has been honored with other laurels from the YWCA and other community, business and religious organizations.



Betty B. Edwards, Manager, Community Affairs, since May, 1984, joined CTA's Public Affairs Department on June 10, 1974 as a community relations representative. She is currently president of the Chicago chapter, Conference of Minority Transit Officials (COMTO), and holds membership with COMTO's national nominating board, the Chicago Urban League's Women's Board, the Neal-Marshall Alumni Club of Indiana University, Chicago Association of Media Women and National Association of Media Women. She is treasurer of the Chicago Urban Affairs Council, and her credentials include a BS degree in education from Indiana University.



Anita L. Curtis, Manager, Personnel Administration since 1982, began her CTA career on March 13, 1957 as a clerk-typist and has served in a number of positions including employment clerk, interviewer, and supervisor. In 1979 she was named director of Employment and Placement.



Florence Salus, Director, Engineering and Maintenance Personnel Service, joined CTA on March 27, 1977 as a clerk in the Maintenance Department and was later named executive secretary to the General Operations Manager, Harold Geissenheimer. Subsequently she returned to the Maintenance department where she was promoted to supervisor, Personnel and Training, followed by superintendent, Personnel. Mrs. Salus holds a BA degree in business administration from Wilkes Barre College in Wilkes Barre, Pa.



Virginia Wendorf, Director, Financial Reporting and Analysis, since joining CTA on March 5, 1979, is a Certified Public Accountant. She holds a BA degree in accounting from Roosevelt University, where she graduated with department honors.



Lorene Murray, Superintendent, General Law, since March 11, 1984, joined CTA as a staff attorney on January 31, 1979. She earned distinction during 1982-83 by conducting workshops for CTA's Employee Assistance Program in connection with the Association of Labor Management Administrators for Consultants on Alcoholism. She was a speaker before the Legal Affairs Committee of APTA at the 1983 annual meeting. Credentials include a BA degree in government from Loyola University and a JD degree from Northern Illinois University.



Loretta Eadie-Daniels, Superintendent, Tort Litigation since September, 1979, joined CTA July 5, 1977 as a staff attorney. She is a former trust officer with the American National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago and was a member of the Cook County Public Defender's Office. Credentials include a BA degree from Loyola University, and a JD degree from DePaul University Law School.



Loretta Cooney, a staff attorney since August 15, 1979, was formerly assigned to the Tort Litigation section. Mrs. Cooney also handled labor and general law cases. Prior to joining CTA,

she prosecuted environmental law cases for the Illinois Attorney General's office. She is an alumnus of the University of Illinois where she earned a BA degree in political science, history, and education. She holds a JD degree from Loyola University. In 1978, Mrs. Cooney was nominated for Outstanding Woman of the Year. Her husband, Robert Cooney, is an attorney in private practice. They are the parents of an 18-month old son Patrick.



O. Andre Bryant, a staff attorney since October 29, 1979, set a record in 1983 as Cook County's top female trial attorney. She is an alumnus of Tennessee State College where she earned a BS degree in social work education, and she received a JD degree from DePaul University. Her son, Kondo Dale, is a student at Howard University majoring in communications.



Kathleen Herrmann, Staff Attorney since November 25, 1983, served as a paralegal in CTA's Law department and a transportation planner in Operations Planning from 1981 to 1983. She was involved in such projects as the Southwest Side Transit proposal and the Elderly and Handicapped program. Ms. Herrmann's credentials include a BA degree in sociology, cum-laude, 1978, Northern Illinois University; Master of Urban Planning, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, and a JD degree with honors, Chicago Kent College of Law. She is a member of the Chicago Bar Association Urban Affairs Committee.

■ Thanksgiving luncheon is annual treat at 69th St.



This committee of 69th Street Garage employees paused to say thanks to co-workers and to celebrate with a traditional Thanksgiving Day feast. The annual event is in its ninth year, and has had the cooperation of all of the personnel and management at 69th Street. Members of the committee are (seated) Zola Harrington (left), chairperson, and Gladys Norvell. Standing (from left) are Dorothy Brookins, Georgia Washington, Vernell Roberts, Georgia Miles, Eddie Mae Jones, Muriel Womack, Mellowiece Springfield, John Walls, Dorothy Harris, Yvonne Piondexter, Carol Reed, Harry Green, Ellie M. Head, Rancetta Nalls, Henrimae Lloyd, and Viola Hester Watkins. Not shown are Rosetta Jones, co-chairperson, and Linda Green.



Two 69th Street bus operators are ready to enjoy a Thanksgiving feast served by Ms. Henrimae Lloyd, a member of the Thanksgiving program committee at the southside garage.

A Thanksgiving luncheon at 69th Street Garage, that started nine years ago simply as coffee and cake, has developed into an annual affair and scrumptious meal, rivaling the best and tempting any palate.

Proof positive of the gourmet's delight at the 69th Street Garage Thanksgiving feast was evident, as a steady flow of people moved through the food line. They stopped in between runs, on their day off, or on their vacation to enjoy the tasty delights of home cooking.

The menu included everything from turkey, ham, dressing, greens and assorted side dishes to banana pudding, pies, assorted cakes and other desserts. There was no reason for anyone to leave hungry or wanting for any item on the traditionally seasonal bill of fare, because it was all there.

The luncheon had its beginning in 1975 when the first female bus operators were assigned to 69th Street Garage. Now it is held each year, usually the week before the Thanksgiving holiday.

"It was our way of saying thank you to the men of this garage for the way



Show stoppers Georgia Miles, and Marvin Young take the stage as a duo of fashion in white.

they welcomed us when we started here," said Zola Harrington who has been the luncheon chairperson for six of the nine years that it has been held. "We are now like one big family," Ms. Harrington said.

An added attraction this year was a fashion show. The debonair and fashionable ladies and gentlemen of 69th Street strolled across the stage and onto the floor proving that not only can they cook, but they also know how to look, whether on the job or on the town.

Among the special guests invited to the Thanksgiving feast and fashion show was Isaac Beal, director, Special Services, Elderly and Handicapped. Beal was superintendent at 69th Street Garage in 1975 when the special Thanksgiving treat began. He was joined by Deputy Executive Director, Operations, Harry Reddrick and members of his staff. Representing CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli was his special assistant, John Weatherspoon.



Kimberly Tyler, daughter of 69th Street bus operator Sandra Johnson, steps smartly wearing a hip rap chemise with dolman sleeves, and an Oriental flair.

Moore installs COMTO officer for new year



The Reverend Jerry A. Moore, Jr. (right), national president, Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, congratulates Ernest Sawyer, vice president, and Mrs. Betty B. Edwards, president, Chicago Metropolitan Area chapter of COMTO, on being elected for a new term.

The Chicago chapter of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) convened at McCormick Inn November 13 to hear the inspirational remarks of its national president, the Rev. Jerry A. Moore, Jr.

Moore urged CTA/RTA members of COMTO to continue lifting the banner of entrepreneur spirit and equal access. The pastor of Washington, D.C.'s 19th Avenue Baptist Church was in Chicago at the invitation of local COMTO officers for the purpose of installing the 1985-86 board.

Reelected to the board were Betty B. Edwards, president; Ernest Sawyer, vice president; and Charles E. Marble, treasurer. Marjorie Banks, and Ana M. Del Rivero were elected as secretaries.

Retained as executive committee members were Celso Castellanos, Anita Curtis, Elonzo Hill, Paul Kadowaki, Ruth LeBron, Milton Lamb, Elda Leal, William Mansker, Harold Pollard, Harry Reddrick, Doris Thompson, and Richard Willis. New executive committee members are Joyce Hughes, John Finch, Della Richards, and Michael LaFargue. Frederick G. King was named executive committee member, emeritus.

Before installing the officers and board the Reverend Moore told the audience of some 100 people, "A \$40

COMTO membership would be a worthwhile personal investment." Mrs. Edwards, manager, CTA Community Affairs, has pledged to increase the Chicago COMTO chapter to 150 members for 1985.

Other participants on the installation program were Danny Lawson, president, Lawson National Distributing Company, and COMTO national vice president, who cited recent accomplishments made by COMTO. Fred G. King, deputy executive director, CTA Human Resources, gave an organization overview. Serving as master of ceremonies was Charles E. Marble.

Visitors on the occasion were Cook County Commissioners Charles Bowen and Samuel Vaughan, a retired CTA claims representative; Kathleen K. Parker, member of the RTA board; State Representative Howard Brookins; Sam Patch, Consult, Ltd.; Jenny Laster, COMTO director-at-large; Velma Wilson, director, Tourism, Mayors Office of Special Events, 17th Ward Alderman Allan Streeter; and Dr. Richard Passwell, director, School of Transportation, University of Illinois at Chicago.

COMTO was founded in January 1971 at Howard University in Washington. Its purpose is to promote better conditions and circumstances for all minorities associated with public transportation.

■ Four south area garages show low accident rate



Tom Reilly (right), south area bus superintendent, is justifiably proud of the public safety improvements accomplished by his team of garage superintendents (from left) Joseph Steinbach, 69th Street; David Hinman, 77th Street; Burnett Henderson, Beverly, and L. J. Hampton, Archer.

Tom Reilly, South area bus superintendent, likes low numbers, as in low accident rate numbers.

The numbers Reilly had been looking at regarding the accident rates for the garages in his jurisdiction were, to say the least, unimpressive. They were not the low numbers he likes.

Archer, Beverly, 69th Street and 77th Street garages have a total of

1,088 buses and 2,272 bus operators. Reilly's south area is the largest of CTA's two bus areas.

"Last spring I got together with my garage superintendents, L. J. Hampton of Archer, Burnett Henderson of Beverly, Joseph Steinbach of 69th, and David Hinman of 77th and I challenged them to lower their accident rates," Reilly said. "I put it on the

table and dared them to do it - accept the challenge. I didn't ask for words, I asked for lower numbers."

When the Public Safety Contest results for the third quarter of 1984 were announced, Reilly got his low numbers. Of the nine garages in the quarterly competition, 77th Street, 69th Street, Archer, and Beverly finished 1-2-3-4 in that order.

The smiling Reilly praised his superintendents for their success.

He praised the assistant superintendents — Robert Julun, Isaac Clark, Horace Brooks, Walter Alexander, and Robert Newman, all of 77th garage; Walter Caston and Ronald Mitchell of 69th garage; Lloyd St. James, Edward Panek, and George Weathers of Archer garage; and John Grayer of Beverly garage.

Also lauded were area relief superintendents Timothy Hall, William Jaycox, William Nash, Arthur Lee, and William Claiborne.

"I'm very proud of these employees, but they could not have met the challenge without the dedication of their bus operators," said Reilly. "Without the operators' cooperation, my challenge would still be on the table."

■ CTA engineer is creative art photographer

Some of the most unusual, yet most creative photography to be exhibited in recent months is the work of CTA structural engineer Ray Radic, an avid and talented art photographer.

A native of Yugoslavia, Radic holds a BS degree in structural engineering which he earned in Belgrade. He studied art photography in Paris where his work has also been exhibited.

Recently, Radic's art was displayed in the lobby of the Merchandise Mart National Bank where it drew more than a little attention from bank customers, employees, and the artist's CTA co-workers in the Merchandise Mart.

The unusual effects and composition of Radic's artistic creativeness and architectural photography are striking to the observer, whether a casual acquaintance or connoisseur of art photography, and they demand attention.

His work is produced with a 4x5



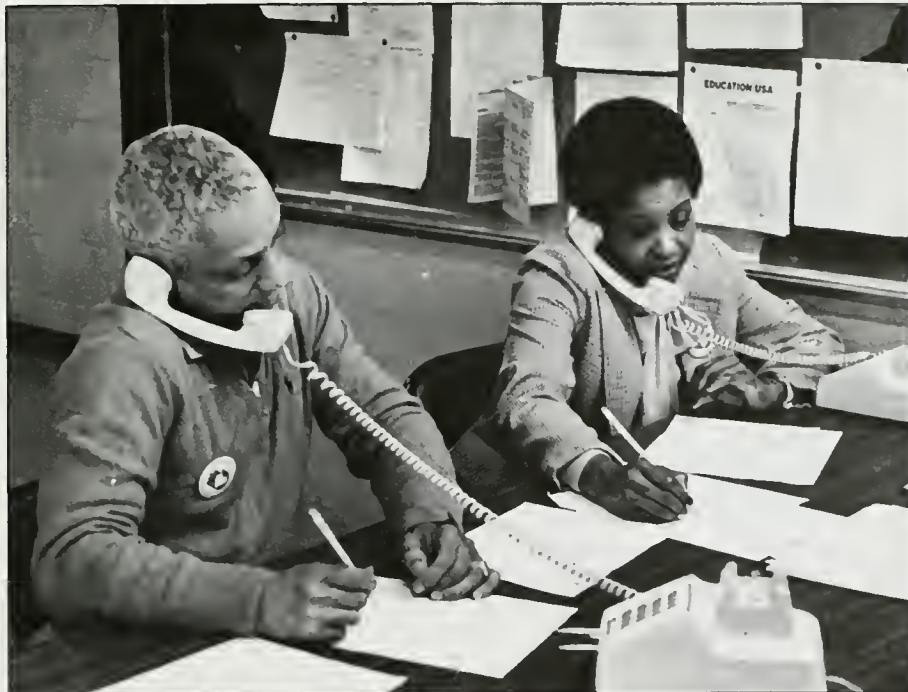
Engineer/artist Radic soars the air with a gesture to emphasize a point about technique as he explains the work in his creative art photography exhibit.

camera and the subjects are superimposed several times on the same transparency. In some instances, subjects are superimposed on two or three transparencies sandwiching the subject to achieve a variety color balance in

the printing process.

Radic's artistic prints, which make handsome wall plaques as well as great subjects of conversation, range in size from 16x20 to 30x40.

■ Homework hotline needs more tutors



Homework Hotline volunteers recruited by the Chicago Education Corps answer phone calls from inquiring students at the hotline office in the Sun-Times Building. Volunteers work one day a week from 5 till 8 p.m.

Homework is a necessary part of everyone's educational experience, but it can also lead to frustration for students trying to answer problems they must confront outside the school environment.

That is why the Chicago Education Corps (CEC) set up a Homework Hotline two years ago to help students find answers over the telephone to problems that come up while they're working at home.

CEC Director Dr. Frances Holliday said the two-year-old program urgently needs more volunteers to answer phones. "We would like to expand our efforts, but we can't until we have enough people," she said.

Dr. Holliday said middle-grade students from private and parochial as well as public schools are encouraged to use the hotline, which is advertised on posters in both city and suburban schools. About 25 percent of the calls actually come from the suburbs.

CEC is looking for individuals who are willing to spend three hours one day a week answering telephone appeals for help at the Homework Hotline office in Room 523 of the Sun-Times Building, 401 N. Wabash Ave. The Hotline operates Monday through Thursday from 5 till 8 p.m. It

is not open on holidays.

An academic background is important for anyone entering the program, and a thorough knowledge of math is also necessary, since more than half of the questions asked relate to math. Other subjects often asked about include social studies, science and language arts. In regard to the latter, good spelling and proper grammar are also needed to provide effective guidance.

"There are plenty of CTA people who are qualified for this type of service," said Betty Edwards, manager of Community Affairs. "One of the greatest satisfactions you can have is knowing you're helping children learn, and the positive results can last well beyond your lifetime."

Edwards said employees from all areas of CTA are urged to participate in the program. She noted that General Office personnel would find the CEC volunteer schedule especially convenient because of the way it fits in with their working hours at the Merchandise Mart, which is just a few blocks away from the Sun-Times Building.

For information on how you can become a Homework Hotline volunteer, call 890-8435.

Earns degree



Joseph Blake, Jr., a motorman assigned to O'Hare Terminal, received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Roosevelt University in September. He is enrolled in the university's Labor Leadership program. Blake who also holds an associate degree in material management from the Community College of the Air Force, joined CTA in 1970. He is a union steward for ATU 308.

Mother and daughter



Mrs. Cassie Miller (top), and her daughter, Sybil, were the proud recipients of associate degrees from Loop Junior College recently. They are the mother and sister of CTA Claims Department clerk Krystal Miller. Mrs. Miller earned an associate of science degree in child development and plans to continue her education in that discipline at Roosevelt University this fall. Sybil received an associate liberal arts degree, and will attend Chicago State University to study business administration.

Electrical Workers



CTA members of Local 9, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, proudly display their float entered in the 1984 Labor Day parade along Michigan Avenue. Sections represented were Signal, Third Rail, Cable Communications and Turnstyle.

Aboard the flatbed are Ron Oclon (left) and Robert Brown, Signal section.

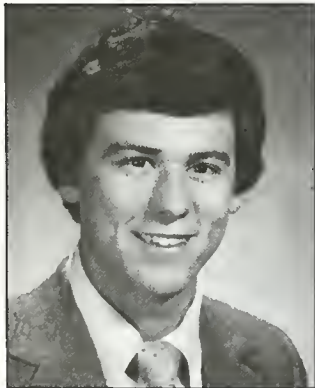
Ted works in the Design and Construction Section of the Facilities Engineering and Maintenance Division. For all you duffers, Gregory's design plan for winning golf is simple: Hit the ball hard, hit the ball straight, but not too often.

Orchestra debut



Pianist Paul Van Lysebettens, son of bus operator Bob Van Lysebettens, Forest Glen Garage, debuts Feb. 2, 1985 with the Southwest Symphony Orchestra winter concert. He has given solo performances at the Conrad Hilton, the Chicago Yacht Club, the Chicago Temple, and St. Peter's church, as well as several recitals in Chicago's Loop, and various chamber ensemble groups. Van Lysebettens holds a B.A. degree in piano from the American Conservatory where he is continuing his piano study.

Millikin Honors program



Michael Benshish, son of Safety Specialist Ronald Benshish of Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, has been selected for the James Millikin Scholarship honors program at Millikin University in Decatur, IL where he is a freshman. Benshish, a graduate of Driscoll Catholic High School, was selected for the four-year program on the basis of academic achievement, national test scores, personal interviews, and recommendations by the Driscoll High School faculty. At Driscoll, Benshish was active in a variety of musical activities, he was a member of the National Honor Society, and he was active in drama and the liturgy group.

AFS student

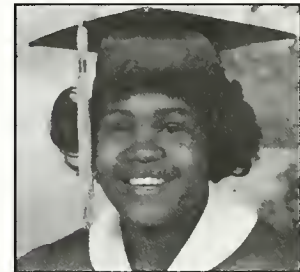


Jesse Burns, Jr., the son of instructor Jesse Burns, Sr., CTA Operations Training Center, recently returned from a two-month stay in Rethel, France as an exchange student in the American Foreign Student program. The 16-year old Burns is a senior at Whitney Young High School where he is catcher for the Whitney Dolphins baseball team. His ambition is to play professional baseball.

Architect hits hole-in-one

Architect Ted Gregory "designed" a hole-in-one golf shot on the 12th fairway of the Glencoe Golf Club on October 10. He was playing in a foursome when he shot his masterpiece, a 133-yard 8-iron shot. It wasn't his first, either, because Gregory scored his first hole-in-one in 1964 at the Lake Forest Golf Club.

Cheerleading honors



Pamela Palmore, 14, the daughter of CTA Property Accounting Cost Analyst Vernon Palmore, finished eighth of 3,000 girls participating in the 1984 Lansing, Mich. National Cheerleaders Association competition August 22-26.

She is a Corliss High School freshman, and captain of the Chicago Park District's Abbott Scots Cheerleaders team, which placed second in over all competition and won a loving cup.

Miss Palmore received a plaque and two individual medals for her performance. She has been a member of the Abbott Scots since 1982.

Service anniversaries in November

45 Years

Frank Ross Jr., Mechanical Maint.

35 Years

Joseph Nasti, Elec. Distribution

Emil Rusinak, Computer Operations

30 Years

Eton Chaney, 77th Street

Ray Helm, Beverly

25 Years

Ray Carter, Limits

George Ehardt, Forest Glen

Edward Gorz, Forest Glen

Edward Havlicek, Support Services

*Hugh Hegarty, Local 308

Thurman Jackson, Ashland Terminal

Joseph Jaros, Vehicle Wiring

Rudolph Johnson, Beverly

Willie Moore, Beverly

Edward Mulvihill, Douglas/Congress

Jodie Rand Jr., Ashland Terminal

William Reese, District C

Ronald Volland, General Maint.

Willie White, Comm./Power Control

Cleveland White Jr., Harlem

Lawrence Wilson, District B

Edward Wisniewski, Rosemont

*Retroactive to 6-84

Service anniversaries in December

30 Years

John Butler, Washington

25 Years

Isaac Barho, Const. Inspection

Namon Brown, District C

John Hoff Jr., Bus Instruction

Clifton Lewis, North Avenue

Joseph Maciuszek, 77th Street

William McCoy, North Avenue

Bennie Rogers, 69th Street

Bruno Romej, Comm./Power Control

Donald Wilson, Central District

November Pensioners

TONY CRUMPLER, Rail Janitor,
Madison/Wabash, Emp. 11-7-57

THADDEUS GUTT, Car Servicer,
98th Street, Emp. 9-13-67

MARTIN HENNESSY, Machinist,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 10-30-50

ISMAEL LOPEZ, Bus Servicer,
Limits, Emp. 9-23-70

MORRIS MADISON, Stationery Engineer
West Shops, Emp. 10-5-76

JACK SCURTE, Bus Operator
North Avenue, Emp. 7-3-51

LYNDON THENHAUS, Carpenter,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 4-15-74

MAX TSUCHIDA, Bus Servicer,
North Park, Emp. 10-20-48
LULLING WILLIAMS, Janitor,
Madison/Wabash, Emp. 6-25-69

Disability Retirements

JOSEPH DORNSEIFER, Bus Operator,
Limits, Emp. 12-5-60

*MAXCEL NOBLES, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 7-10-69

THEODIS WELLS, Motorman,
95th Street, Emp. 10-22-56

*Retroactive to 8-1-84

December Pensioners

HYMAN HARRISON, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 2-13-75

BENNY HERRON, Bus Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 5-3-51

TADDEUSZ ROPA, Term. Comb. Clerk,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 6-25-64

OTIS THOMAS, Rail Janitor,
Madison/Wabash, Emp. 8-29-57

WILLIAM WHITENHILL, Asst. Supt.,
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-5-52

FREDERICK WISE, Painter,
West Shops, Emp. 11-28-77

Disability Retirements

WILLIAM HOOPER, Bus Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 2-15-51

ROBERT MILLS, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-28-71

IN MEMORIAM

CARL ASCHENBRENNER, 74, Engineering,
Emp. 10-21-42, Died 11-3-84

FLOYD BASSETT, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-26-27, Died 11-17-84

ALBERT BINSTOCK, 77, South Shops,
Emp. 11-7-38, Died 8-7-84

SILVESTER BONADONNA, 83, Engineering,
Emp. 5-19-27, Died 11-19-84

JOHN CAROLAN, 63, Jefferson Park,
Emp. 11-27-41, Died 11-8-84

ROBERT CHAMBERS, 49, Transportation,
Emp. 8-25-55, Died 11-10-84

EDWARD CHAPLESKI, 68, District D,
Emp. 10-3-42, Died 11-18-84

PATRICK CLARKE, 85, Transportation,
Emp. 11-24-26, Died 8-8-84

EDWARD COLEMAN, 85, Transportation,
Emp. 10-28-47, Died 9-15-84

KATHLEEN CONNELLY, 91, South Section,
Emp. 8-11-43, Died 9-23-84

MELBOURNE DASHER, 71, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-25-46, Died 9-19-84

JOHN DAVITT, 67, North Avenue,
Emp. 7-29-41, Died 9-3-84

CORNELIUS DeBOER, 77, Transportation,
Emp. 4-9-41, Died 9-15-84

FRANK DeNOTTO, 74, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-9-30, Died 11-7-84

SAM DOVICH, 94, Way & Struts.,
Emp. 6-3-36, Died 11-7-84

GEORGE EDWARDS, 71, Forest Glen,
Emp. 10-18-35, Died 9-23-84

WILLIAM FLYNN, 71, District A,
Emp. 8-18-41, Died 9-19-84

AUGUST FORMANEK, 71, Archer,
Emp. 5-13-41, Died 9-13-84

ELMER FORMELLER, 73, Forest Glen,
Emp. 9-8-36, Died 9-30-84

HENRY GERALI, 59, Forest Glen,
Emp. 6-26-46, Died 9-9-84

HENRY GOTTSCH, 77, Beverly,
Emp. 2-18-36, Died 9-20-84

RALPH GRADY, 81, Archer,
Emp. 5-8-44, Died 9-16-84

DANIEL HANRAHAN, 71, South Shops,
Emp. 8-4-36, Died 9-21-84

MARTIN HENNESSY, 61, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 10-30-50, Died 11-5-84

EDNA HEYNE, 91, South Section,
Emp. 9-5-30, Died 9-4-84

CHARLES HILL, 85, West Section,
Emp. 5-9-27, Died 9-24-84

FRAN KNAUTZ, 70, Personnel,
Emp. 8-7-42, Died 11-9-84

EDWIN LAGERSTROM, 76, Beverly,
Emp. 3-27-34, Died 11-19-84

HENRY LIND, 89, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 9-22-27, Died 5-3-84

JOHN LOCACIUS, 73, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-26-34, Died 9-26-84

NORMAN LODERHOSE, 78, West Section,
Emp. 2-23-26, Died 9-2-84

EDWARD MARTIN, 80, West Section,
Emp. 11-2-43, Died 11-12-84

ONOFRIO MARTORANA, 87, Const & Maint.,
Emp. 5-19-36, Died 11-14-84

JOHN MASCARI, 78, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 11-9-42, Died 11-19-84

HENRY MILNE, 81, South Shops,
Emp. 4-3-47, Died 9-13-84

PETER MOLFESE, 71, Lawndale,
Emp. 6-30-43, Died 11-11-84

WILLIAM MOOG, 76, Transportation,
Emp. 4-12-34, Died 9-16-84

WILLIAM MOUNT, 65, South Section,
Emp. 3-8-47, Died 11-13-84

JOHN NISSON, 89, Devon,
Emp. 10-22-29, Died 10-24-84

MICHAEL O'MALLEY, 87, North Section,
Emp. 2-26-23, Died 9-25-84

WILLIAM ROONEY, 65, Kimball,
Emp. 12-22-43, Died 11-84

TRULS RUSING, 80, Transportation,
Emp. 4-1-26, Died 9-4-84

ALFRED SCARPELLI, 82, North Park,
Emp. 8-13-43, Died 9-26-84

CHARLES SCHMIDT, 75, North Avenue,
Emp. 3-28-34, Died 9-27-84

CHARLES SCHOEWER, 70, North Park,
Emp. 11-25-36, Died 10-17-84

LEO TARGOSZ, 64, 54th/Douglas,
Emp. 12-20-40, Died 11-1-84

FRANK TAVANO, 69, Plant Maint.,
Emp. 9-6-49, Died 11-12-84

ROBERT THOMPSON, 71, Forest Glen,
Emp. 6-26-58, Died 9-15-84

PAULINE TORREY, 71, Datacenter,
Emp. 4-18-56, Died 11-4-84

MILAN UKROPINA, 90, Way & Struts.,
Emp. 3-10-23, Died 9-9-84

CLARKE WHITE, 82, Archer,
Emp. 9-20-47, Died 11-11-84

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, 82, Accounting,
Emp. 12-16-33, Died 9-1-84

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DARING RESCUE ATTEMPT



Mayor Harold Washington presents a citizen's award to CTA iron worker helper Bennie Wardlow (right) in the firehouse at 3801 N. Damen, where he honored those who tried to rescue five children and their mother from a burning apartment building December 16 at Kenmore and Irving Park.

WARDLOW HONORED BY MAYOR

"Iwould much rather have saved the kids' lives than get an award."

That sums up the feelings of Bennie Wardlow, an iron worker helper, who was honored with a citizen's award by Mayor Harold Washington for his efforts to rescue two children from a burning building on Kenmore and Irving Park Road.

The tragic fire took the lives of five children and their mother, who apparently were trapped in their third floor apartment one Sunday morning shortly before Christmas. A neighbor alerted Wardlow that the family had not gotten out of the building.

Wardlow had been on the street nearby, assisting iron workers who were on a scaffold over Irving Park Road, renewing flange angles on the elevated structure just west of Kenmore. As the first fire companies rushed to the scene, he saw smoke and ran to the building to see if he could help.

"It was a confusing situation," he said. "The building had one of those courtyards and a number of entrances. The fire seemed to be mainly on the first floor.

"But then someone yelled that there were kids up on the third floor, so I ran up some stairs and tried to open the apartment door. It wouldn't budge till I put all my

weight against it and kicked it in.

"There was a lot of smoke, and I saw this little hand. I grabbed it and pulled a child toward me till I had a chance to pass it to someone behind me. Then I went back and saw another little one.

"I got that one out, too, but they both already felt limp. I just wish I could have gotten there earlier."

Wardlow, a bachelor, felt a deep sense of loss over the deaths of the children. Of the rescue effort, he said, "I'd do it all over again if I could bring them out alive."

Mayor Washington praised Wardlow and dozens of firemen from units that had responded to the fire. The ceremony took place in the fire station at 3801 N. Damen Ave., headquarters for the 5th Battalion, on the first working day after the tragedy for those who had been on duty.

Fire Commissioner Louis Galante began the ceremony by reading a report describing the fire scene and the steps that were taken to rescue residents and put out the fire. He then joined the mayor in passing through the ranks of those assembled for a personal word with each.

All agreed they would have felt much better about the honor if there had been a happier ending to the rescue effort.

Learning modern handling techniques



The seventh class to complete the eight-week Material Handling and Warehousing course sponsored by CTA Materials Management, show off their certificates as instructor Eugene Magad (left) looks on. Members of the class are (from left, front to rear) Annie Burgett, Allen Moyzis, and Richard Rusiniak, Frederick Barrett, William Wozniak, Constance Brabec, Ronald Donnelly, Alvin Sprangle, Matthew Rago, Diane Gainer, Lori Muhling, Josephine Masic, Felix Black, Michele Hawkins, Billie Mitchell, Willie Turner, Angelique Jones, Clarence Works, Leroy Williamson, Willie Henning, and Edward Tobin, manager/Materials Management purchasing agent. Completing the course, but not shown were Diana Blaino, Ruth Ann Miles, and Valerie Dillon.

The modernization of CTA warehouses by Materials Management has prompted an on-going advance training program in material handling for more than 100 Materials Management employees.

A 32-hour course in material handling concepts was developed by Materials Management personnel and Eugene Magad and Associates. The course was designed to familiarize personnel with new material handling and warehousing techniques.

Bill Roman, director of Stores, Materials Management, said that personnel who have completed the training program are now more knowledgeable in their areas of endeavor. This increased exposure benefits both the individual and CTA.

Training includes a study of the different advantages and disadvantages of using various manual, semi-automated, and automated storage and retrieval systems. It also examines a variety of material handling equipment and evaluates the use of each type of equipment for warehousing layouts, racking, and specific types of materials.

Material handling systems used in other parts of the world are explained and analyzed during the course. Warehouse safety, layout, inventory control, and cost factors are also discussed.

Class participants are given an opportunity to measure their personal growth through examination. Certificates are awarded for course completion.

The course is taught by Eugene Magad, coordinator of the Materials Management Program in the Business Division at William Rainey Harper College in northwest suburban Palatine.

Magad has served as a consultant in warehousing, materials management, and industrial engineering in Europe and Japan, and throughout the United States. He has conducted training classes for CTA Materials Management personnel since 1981.

From the Chairman

Quality of life

Many historians agree that the advancement and quality of life of a civilization can be measured by the care and compassion provided by each civilization for its aged, chronically-ill, poverty stricken, or otherwise unfortunate citizens. It therefore follows that the quality of an agency and its employees can be measured by the employees' willingness to respond to the needs of less fortunate members of our community through charitable contributions and acts of kindness.

As Transit Division Chairman, I thank you, in behalf of United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago, for your generous contributions, three times last year's total, which enabled the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon to get off to a good start and exceed its 1985 goal. Your contributions will provide continuing research, treatment and future prevention of this crippling injury to the brain.

Yet the telethon is just one example of your on-going concern for others. Your support of the United Way Crusade of Mercy through payroll deduction contributions throughout the year, your generous donations of blood during CTA's blood drive for the benefit of United Blood Services and the American Red Cross, and your donations of food products to the Chicago Sharing It Food-a-thon will be greatly appreciated by the people who benefit from the work of these organizations.

Most importantly, your concern for others is also demonstrated through your actions. We receive numerous commendations from riders every month, especially senior citizens and disabled riders, complimenting employees who make a special effort to help all riders receive outstanding service for their CTA fares. Several employees have also been publicly honored for community service work and other generous and heroic efforts to help others.

I believe that we all can share a sense of accomplishment and pride in the generosity and kindness consistently shown by CTA employees which demonstrate the character of CTA employees and improve the quality of life in the City of Chicago.

Michael Randell

Banquet honors winners of maintenance roadeo

Winners in CTA's first Maintenance Roadeo received the accolades of management, family members, friend and co-workers at a special awards banquet October 26 at the Holiday Inn/Mart Plaza ballroom.

Respective awards, including gift certificates for a weekend getaway for two, trophies and other assorted prizes, were presented to individual team members for their accomplishments.

Taking the coveted prize of a weekend for two in Itasca's Nordic Hills Country Club were Forest Glen Garage's first place team members, assistant foreman William Rafferty, combination clerk Frank Marshall, and bus repairer Darwin Zarembo.

Second and third place honors went to the 77th Street Garage. The second



First place winners in the CTA Maintenance Roadeo share their proud moment with Deputy Executive Director, Engineering and Maintenance, George Millonas (right). Showing off their prizes are (from left) combination clerk Frank Marshall, bus repairer Darwin Zarembo, and assistant foreman William Rafferty, team captain.



Proudly displaying their second place awards earned in the Maintenance Roadeo are (from left) team captain Reuben Johnson, combination clerk, and bus repairers Salvador Contreras, and Nguyen Dai. Richard Schneider (right), manager, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, made the presentations.

place team included Nguyen Dai and Salvador Contreras, bus repairers, and Reuben Johnson, combination clerk. The two-man third place team was bus repairers John Murphy and Philip Murnane. Each member of the top three teams received an individual trophy, dinner, theater and gift certificates, a special belt buckle and a

special shoulder patch.

The two Maintenance Roadeo runner-up teams included bus repairers Willie Rachel, William McCray, and Theodore Yancy, and Michael Kasman and Ken Hanna.

Each member of the top five teams received individual plaques and jackets, while all of the Maintenance

Road participants received caps, pens, cups and patches.

Awards were presented by Executive Director Bernard J. Ford and Deputy Executive Director, Engineering and Maintenance, George Millonas. Afterward they congratulated roadeo participants for their determination and success in the event.

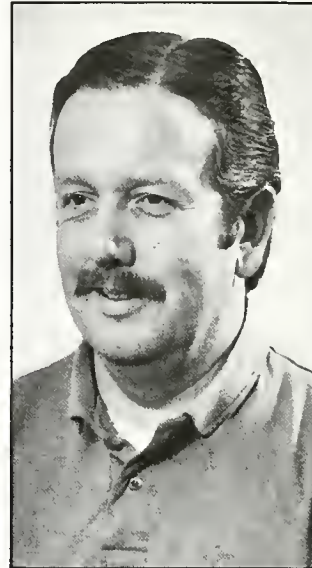
Engineering Maintenance Safety supervisor Jim Dudley, master of ceremonies, expressed appreciation for the great participation of all the contestants and volunteer roadeo workers.

"We believe this roadeo will have more participation each year. This first roadeo effort demonstrates the positive thinking and the excellent teamwork which we had in putting the event on," said Dudley. "I'm sure a national maintenance roadeo would be a fine idea. I think it would be excellent competition," Dudley commented.

Project chairman for the 1984 Maintenance Roadeo was William Wong, unit supervisor, Bus Garages, who is assigned to Washington Garage.

Commendation Corner

Marvin Chachere (North Park garage) was called "an exceptional driver" by Victor Kulikauskas, of North Maplewood Avenue, who was a rider on his No. 50 Damen bus. "In addition to being very courteous and friendly with boarding and exiting passengers, he also cares about students going to elementary as well as high schools. He will ask them about their school work, tell them how to improve, and give them advice about their problems. Even students who are loud on other buses sit quietly in his bus. He also explains to young people very nicely how they must pay their fares, and directs them to their destinations."



Albert Croarkin (77th Street garage) was the operator of an early morning No. 29 State bus ridden regularly by C. O. Jones, of Lafayette Avenue. "I leave my residence well before 5 a.m. Dependable public transportation at that hour is vital. Driver No. 5842 has been at the wheel of the bus that I board Tuesday through Friday. The bus arrives at 95th Street just in time for my train. This driver is always on time, courteous and cheerful. Meeting him the first hour of my day has certainly improved my disposition. I only wish he could remain permanently on his current schedule. It's a pleasant way to begin my day."

Robert Martinez (North Park garage) was complimented by Pat DeBonnett, of South LaSalle Street, for the way he handled his No. 11 Lincoln bus. "He left me with a lasting impression of the quality of service he provided each passenger, and his driving was excellent. Although the weather was bad, he made me feel good to be on public transportation. The pride he held in his work helped me better understand why a member of my family had such pride in his former driving profession. If more drivers would show more pride in their profession, the public would reciprocate."

Johnny Wisdom (North Section) "is always a pleasure to travel with," according to Adrian Jones, who takes an Evanston Express train to his job on South Michigan Avenue. "This conductor is unfailingly cheerful, attentive to his job, and looking out to help passengers. His efforts to assist a near-blind lady on the train made me take special notice of him. The lady was on her way to a hospital downtown, but was not familiar with the train stops, and had to be reassured a number of times that she would be helped at the right stop. Conductor No. 21532 did a wonderful job keeping her calm and satisfied."

Melvin Dukes (North Avenue garage) is held "in highest esteem" by Eleanor Cash, of Argyle Street, for the way he handled his No. 53 Pulaski bus. "As we boarded that evening at 31st Street, he informed both men and women to hold on to their purses and wallets. We were calmly but honestly told there had been a number of incidents in the area north of 16th Street. Around Roosevelt Road, a large group of what I call 'thugs' came aboard the bus, and he told them, 'No trouble, no pushing, no shoving on the bus.' This driver really was concerned and caring for the safety and well-being of his passengers."

Georgia Harris (North Park garage) was praised by Marie Moore, of North Lake Shore Drive, for her concern for passengers on a No. 145 Wilson/Michigan bus. "I was coming home from the Chicago Symphony concert one evening when four young men boarded the bus at Washington, and started to smoke marijuana. She stopped the bus on Michigan and called her office, and suddenly the young men fled. She told us she stalled the bus for her own safety and ours because she did not want to ride with those persons who were pickpockets, and who regularly harass drivers and passengers on State Street at night. I appreciate her action."

Armando Deluna (Limits garage) was appreciated by Ethel Breyley, of North Lake Shore Drive, for his courtesy as operator of a No. 156 LaSalle bus. "It was raining, and since I have a bad knee, I could not run for the bus. Driver No. 9137 saw me trying to hurry, and waited for me. It didn't waste more than a minute for him, but I was very thankful that he was so courteous. Farther down LaSalle Street, an older person got on with a walker cane, and even though it took him a while to get on and then off after a while, the driver was unfailingly courteous, saying, 'Take your time. Watch the wet steps.'"

Charles Young (West Section) was the conductor of a Congress-O'Hare train ridden by Luella Rayman, of Seattle, Washington. "On my last day in Chicago before retiring in Seattle, I rode the subway from the Loop to Cumberland. That ride was the most pleasant I ever had. The conductor was very helpful in answering my questions on where to get off the train, and was kind and thoughtful of everyone. He greeted passengers with 'Have a good day!' He announced all the stations very clearly, and told how far north or west they were, which I had never heard done before. He is one great employee!"

Honor three for service on A Day in CTA



Certificates of special recognition were presented to Day in CTA honorees Hazel Love, ticket agent, 95th street; Harold Moore, bus service supervisor, District D, and Willie Glaspie, ticket agent, Howard street. Accompanying them on a tour of the Control Center are Michael LaVelle, manager of service (left), and James Washington (right), superintendent, Control Center.

A ticket agent, who rushed to the aid of a woman being chased by a man at the North and Clybourn platform on the North-South rapid transit route recently, was given special recognition on "A Day in CTA."

Willie Glaspie, a CTA employee for 14 years, was working at the station when he heard the woman screaming for help. Glaspie told police he saw her run from the platform as she was being pursued by the man. The assailant fled as Glaspie confronted him, but police were able to make an arrest after the ticket agent gave them an accurate description of the offender.

Two other CTA employees who were honored on "A Day in CTA" for outstanding performance of duty were Hazel Love, a ticket agent at 95th Street, and Harold Moore, bus service supervisor, District D.

Ms. Love was working the midnight shift at 47th Street on the West-South route, when she foiled an attempted robbery by a man who approached

her booth with a gun as she talked on the telephone with her relief.

As the man demanded money, Ms. Love quickly moved away from the window and asked her relief to call agent control for help. The would-be holdup man fled from the station empty handed.

Supervisor Moore was off duty when he noticed a crowd of people leaving the Wilson Avenue rapid transit station following a derailment in the Howard Street yard. Moore realized that riders were seeking alternate transportation as northbound trains were being turned back at Wilson Avenue, and moved quickly to provide assistance.

The off-duty supervisor asked several northbound Broadway bus operators scheduled to terminate at Foster Avenue to transport the stranded riders to Howard Terminal. Supervisor Moore worked to help minimize the delay and inconvenience to CTA riders until an on-duty supervisor arrived.

Thanks for a job well done

Employees who have received commendations from the public.

Thomas Bonner, North Park
Dwayne Borom, Limits
Cornell Brown, 77th Street
Earlie Bryant, North Avenue
Donald Buegel, Douglas/Congress

Jean Cage, North Park
David Calderon, 69th Street
Paul Campbell, 77th Street
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Lovie Chamblis, West Section
James Collins, North Park

Earmon Davis, Limits
Martin Dzinciolski, Kedzie

Elizabeth Erich, 77th Street

Salvador Flores, North Avenue

David Gage, Kedzie
Jerry Gardner, North Park
Leonard Gibbs III, North Park
Edgar Griffin Jr., North Avenue
Harold Gutierrez, North Park

Julius Hammond, 69th Street
Peyton Hightower, 77th Street
Alexander Hiner Jr., North Park
Charles Holley, Beverly
Rosemary Hoskins, North Park
Jesse Howard, 77th Street
Bruce Hughes, North Section
Margaret Hunt, Forest Glen

Willie James, North Park

Walter Kenerson, 77th Street
James Ketchum Jr., North Avenue

Sherman McKinney, Archer
Eddie McMillan, Archer
Are McMillan, North Park
John Moutrey, Forest Glen

William Reynolds, District C
Jackie Robinson, Beverly

Betty Samuel, 77th Street
Vera Smith, Archer
Robert Smith, Forest Glen
Joseph Smith, Limits
Larry Starks, Forest Glen

Thelmer Walker, Kedzie
Darnell Williams, North Park
Robert Wilson, North Avenue

Theresa Zamora, Kedzie
Joseph Zukerman, North Park

YWCA nominates Juanita Duff for Rothschild award



Juanita Duff, training coordinator at the Lawndale Maintenance Training Center, and one of the most active volunteers in the Assault and Rape Victim Advocate Program, was a YWCA nominee for the 1984 Rothschild Heart of Gold Award.

The award is funded by a grant from the Hulda B. and Maurice L. Rothschild foundation which honors individuals who demonstrate outstanding and exemplary performance as volunteers in support of the mission and objectives of United Way member agencies.

Mrs. Duff was one of more than 50 volunteers nominated. Although she was not selected as a finalist, the 16-year CTA employee said she was honored to have been nominated by the Women's Services Department of the Loop Center YWCA.

Agencies of the 10 selected finalists each received a \$1,000 award presented by United Way and Crusade of Mercy to acknowledge the volunteers for their counsel, comfort, and encouragement to others.

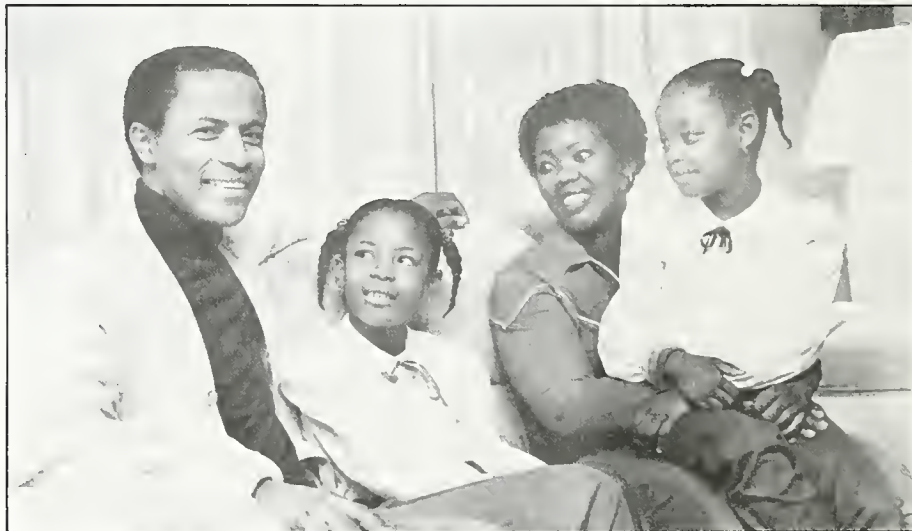
YWCA officials said Mrs. Duff was nominated for the Rothschild Heart of Gold Award in recognition of her dedication and service for the past three years to Chicago Women Against Rape, the speakers bureau of the Loop YWCA Women's Services Department.

Mrs. Duff has addressed a variety of groups on the subject of sexual assault, child sexual abuse and related violence. She also serves on the board of Chimera, Inc., a not-for-profit self defense program for women.

A letter supporting the YWCA recommendation for the Rothschild award said, "---Mrs. Duff has embraced, and effectively exemplifies the YWCA's commitment to the critical importance of working together toward the creation of a society free from the threat and reality of violence.---"

CTA's Assault and Rape Victim Advocate Program is an innovative project jointly designed by CTA and the Loop YWCA in 1981.

South shops worker and wife called "Mr. and Mrs. Nice Guy"



Bob, Tanya, Gloria and Cindy Moore

Carpenter journeyman Bobby Moore, Body Shop area, South Shops, and his wife, Gloria, are such special people to one of their south suburban Park Forest neighbors that they were the subject of a recent news column.

Phil Gundermann is so pleased to have such friends as the Moores that he wrote his community newspaper, *The Star*, about his neighbors, nominating them "Mr. and Mrs. Nice Guy" for the paper's "Dimensions" column, a regular feature of the semiweekly publication.

Here is Gundermann's story about seven-year CTA employee Moore and his wife, reprinted with permission of the Park Forest *Star*.

I would like to nominate my neighbors, Bobby and Gloria Moore of Park Forest for a "Mr. and Mrs. Nice Guy." Here is my story:

During the 34 years I have lived in Park Forest I have had some fine neighbors (still do) but one young couple is special. Bobby and Gloria Moore always were helpful when my wife was slowly dying of cancer. But since she passed away about a year and a half ago, they have been super.

On the day of my wife's wake, they showed up at the door with a big platter of fried chicken, a bowl of potato salad, a bowl of tossed salad, a bowl of spaghetti and a basket of baking powder biscuits. My three grown children, their families and I were aghast. We thought this old custom of neighborly hospitality, common 50 or more years ago, was now extinct.

But that was only the beginning.

Since then the Moores have "adopted" me -- stuffing me with food, doing all kinds of chores and helping to solve the problems of a 74-year-old retiree.

What makes all this even more unusual is that they're black, I'm white. They're Jehovah's Witnesses, I'm a drop-out Catholic.

My message to the world is: Don't panic if a black family moves into the block even if they're Jehovah's Witnesses.

They might turn out to be the best neighbors you ever had.



Chuck Norris film shot on CTA route

Photographs by Bob Ryan



Detective Eddie Cusack (Chuck Norris) lands a punch which sends a suspect (Alex Stevens) to the deck of this CTA 6000-series train. A platform erected atop the train by carpenters at Skokie Rail Shops provided an extra margin of safety for the actors.



Camaramen focus on Chuck Norris and his co-star during filming of *Code of Silence* in Chicago's inner Loop.

CTA is in the movies again! This time Chuck Norris and Chicago starlet Molly Hagen are featured in *Code of Silence*, a police drama about a Chicago detective.

Shot on location and directed by Chicagoan Andy Davis, the film depicts scenes in Chicago's inner Loop and includes action which makes use of CTA 5-50 series rail cars and the Wells Street bridge, with actors jumping from the roof of the train into the Chicago River.

In the scenario, Detective Eddie Cusack (Norris) is suspicious of a cover-up in the accidental shooting of an innocent bystander, which adds to tensions between the warring factions of a drug-dealing family and its underworld counterpart.



Molly Hagen, a native Chicagoan who stars with Actor Chuck Norris, pauses for the camera as she prepares to board a CTA train.

A fight scene in the action-oriented Orion Productions film takes place atop the CTA train as the good guy (Norris) comes face-to-face with the bad guy (Alex Stevens).

In the interest of safety, and because the studio asked, carpenters at Skokie Rail Shops, under the direction of George Haenisch, superintendent, Rail Vehicle Shops, built a platform atop the rail cars to extend the width and provide better footing for the actors and the camera crew during this action-packed scene.

Bob Ryan, CTA Public Affairs special projects coordinator, was liaison during the filming. Train movements were coordinated by Bob Janz, director, Rail Service, with assistance by assistant district superintendent John Blum, and rail supervisors Sid Edwards, Jack Pritt, and Leon Hedgewood.



Jerry Walters (left), acting unit supervisor, shares the moment of pride with four South Shops foremen as they display first place ZAP certificates. They are (from left) Ed Meskimen, Print shop; Ernest Johnson, Machine shop; John Garner, Electrical shop; and John Dopak, Radio shop.



Howard and Linden terminals joined forces as a team to bring a first place ZAP certificate to their locations. Accepting on behalf of the two locations is Lou Gerard (left), acting foreman. Making the presentation is Dave Kowalski, unit supervisor.

Beverly, 5th striving for

Maintenance personnel to be headed for the catering to tallies in the program which was designed in bus and rail maintenance.

The southside garage and third quarters with a record and records indicate a fourth quarter with a catered luncheon, previously a garage.

Personnel at 54th terminal catered lunch as they celebrated the fourth quarter with a ZAP certificate.

Other third quarters winners were Forest Glen terminals, Bus Shops and

Ronald Benshish, at the 18 areas at Bus Shops areas had zero accidents.

Winners in the third quarter program were treated to



Beverly garage completed the second and third quarters with a first place ZAP award. Records indicate the southside garage could finish the fourth quarter with zero accidents and earn a catered lunch. Presenting the first place third quarter certificate is Walter Bailey, unit supervisor (left). Accepting is Jim O'Brien, day foreman.



Nine of the 18 areas at Bus Shops completed the third quarter with zero accidents. Displaying some of the first place ZAP certificates earned at Bus Shops are (from left) Oliver Ross, foreman, area 314, Blacksmith Shop; Bob Hargrove, leader, area 318 Body Shop; Winman Tevis, foreman, area 313, Print Shop; Robert Mandijano, acting foreman, area 321, Upholstery Shop; John Kurgon, acting unit supervisor.



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Richard Juvinal (left) superintendent, Support Services, and Joe Ficarella, acting production coordinator, Rail Shops, proudly display a first place ZAP certificate.



Eleven of 13 areas at Rail Shops completed the third quarter with zero injuries. Displaying certificates are (from left) Clarence Mills, foreman, area 419, Motor Line; Ken Blocker, foreman, area 423, Blacksmith/Welding; Jan Broda, foreman, area 417, Paint Shop, and Frank Vukovics, unit supervisor.



Maintenance personnel at the 54th rail terminal show off their third quarter first place ZAP certificates. The terminal completed both second and third quarters with zero injuries and is striving for a first place award in the fourth quarter to qualify for the catered lunch. Members of the group are (rear, from left) John Schram, Kurt Pate, Pat Soden, Dave Ski, George Klein, Hugo Padilla, John Heneghan, and Bud Schaaf. Standing in the front row are (from left) Felix Velinske, assistant foreman, and Steve Jackson, day foreman.



First place ZAP certificates were also displayed at Rail Shops by Muzio Ficarella, foreman, area 429, Sub-electrical; James House, foreman, area 427, Degreasing; Vito Pontrelli, foreman, area 418, Armature room; Bill Meany, leader, area 422, Shop Service; Mark Dundovich, unit supervisor, and Pat Langosch, foreman, area 424, Machine Shop.



A contestant in CTA's first Bus Rodeo approaches the offset street maneuver as he leaves the serpentine, just two of the 11 rodeo maneuvers contestants must negotiate. The 1985 Bus Rodeo garage level event is slated for June 2 and 9. The final event for Soldier Field will be announced later.

Rodeo, Roundup, other events coming soon

If the winter blahs have got you down, and you're looking for a break in your routine, perhaps you should consider the 1985 Bus Rodeo, Third Rail Roundup, Ticket Agent TieUp, or the Maintenance Rodeo.

As the winter months begin to fade into spring, thoughts in the Operations Division as well as the Equipment Engineering and Maintenance Division are turning to their respective competitions. Hopes are high for increased participation as Operations launches its fifth annual Bus Rodeo. It will be the third competition for the Third Rail Roundup, and the Ticket Agent TieUp promises a continued challenge for its second event.

Meanwhile, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance personnel will gear up for a new challenge in their second annual Maintenance Rodeo and their first Rail Maintenance Roundup.

Operating employees, ticket agents, and maintenance personnel are encouraged to check bulletin boards and make inquiries of garage and station superintendents, instructors, supervisors, and shop foremen for information. Non-operating personnel are encouraged to participate as judges in

the events.

Prospective Bus Rodeo and Ticket Agent TieUp contestants may pick up applications March 3—16. Applications for Third Rail Roundup contestants will be available March 17—30. Eligible applicants for both the bus and ticket agent events will be posted March 24, and eligible rail contestants April 7.

Other competition activities will be according to the following schedule: Written tests, Ticket Agent TieUp, April 1—5; Bus Rodeo, April 1—14; Third Rail Roundup, April 14—21. Bus garage level competition is set for June 2 and June 9, and the Winning Circle 20 is expected to be posted by June 23. A date for the 1985 Bus Rodeo final competition at Soldier Field will be announced later.

The Ticket Agent TieUp section level performance competition is set for April 13—May 12 and posting of finalists is expected May 19. TieUp final is planned for June 23.

Third Rail Roundup terminal competition is planned for April 28—May 5, and Roundhouse 18 posting is slated for May 19 with the final competition planned for June 23.

O'Hare service is praised

Good Morning,

I am sure that the majority of your letters are complaints and negative; **not so** with this letter.

On Wednesday, November 23, my son flew into O'Hare from college for the first time. For years I have been hearing "horror stories" about the traffic into O'Hare on the day prior to Thanksgiving. We told our son to call us when he got his luggage and then go to the Rapid Transit and we would meet him at the Jefferson Park Station. That worked very well.

On his return Sunday the 27th, I rode with him to O'Hare, got him settled and returned via rapid transit to Jefferson Park.

My point is to thank you for providing this service to the airport. I will continue to use this service even during non-busy periods, since I travel regularly throughout the year.

I am pleased to live in an area that makes life so convenient. My sincere compliments to you and to those who spearheaded the O'Hare extension.

Sincerely,

James H. Kleeberg
Lincolnwood, IL 60645

Public Safety Awards

Jim McClain, superintendent, Ashland terminal, proudly accepts the rapid transit Public Safety award plaque from Safety Manager Tom Boyle. The terminal experienced only one accident during the quarter and registered 91 accident-free days.

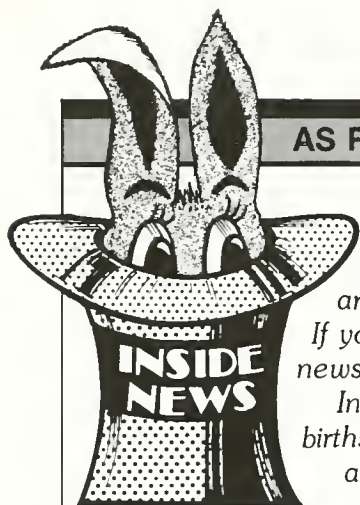


Operators Joseph Lazzara (left) and Lena Jackson, named third quarter outstanding employees at Archer garage, share the honors as Superintendent Lionel Hampton (second from left) receives the Public Safety award for the garage from Safety Manager Tom Boyle.

- ▶ Archer garage and Ashland terminal were recipients of the 1984 third quarter Public Safety awards. It was Ashland's first Public Safety award since the second quarter of 1981.
- ▶ The terminal earned its latest award after experiencing only one accident for the quarter and registering 91 accident-free days.
- ▶ At Archer, meanwhile, it was the third consecutive 1984 Public Safety award for the southside facility which had 31 accident-free days during the quarter. Presentation of the Public Safety plaque by Manager of Safety Tom Boyle marked the 14th such honor for Archer garage since the award originated on January 1, 1961.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY



Welcome to Inside News. This column is devoted to vignettes of special interest to you and about CTA employees. Volunteers from each work location are being sought to help make this one of the most-read features of Transit News. If you're interested in reporting the many amusing experiences and other interesting news tidbits of your coworkers, please contact our editor.

Inside News will run the gamut of outstanding accomplishments, projects, weddings, births, graduations, trips, and a variety of other items which might be of interest to you and your co-workers. The only restrictions will be available space, and good taste.

LOVE IS BLOSSOMING THROUGHOUT CTA.

JOHN G. GAUL, senior planner in Operations Planning, and MARGARET C. LEE were married August 25 in St. Bernardine Church, Forest Park....LYNN RITTER, automatic passenger counter specialist, also of Operations Planning, exchanged the holy vows on September 1 when she became the bride of GAYLORD OTTE at a wedding ceremony in Grace Lutheran Church of Evanston....WILLIE and NORA MITCHNER became husband and wife on October 29, at a ceremony held in the Seventh Presbyterian Church. He is a bus operator at the 77th Street garage, and she is an order taker-scheduler at the Washington garage. Both are former Travel Information Center representatives. We wish all of our newlyweds happiness and good luck.



Willie and Nora Mitchner

CTA - SHINING WITH THE STARS....Once again, all CTA employees who responded generously to the call for support from our Chairman, Michael Cardilli, for the United Cerebral Palsy Fund Drive made it possible to present a check for \$15,000, during the WLS-TV Channel 7 Telethon, held on Saturday, January 12, and Sunday, January 13. This project was coordinated by Betty B. Edwards, manager of Community Affairs, who was assisted by all her staff. Thanks to all who supported this worthy endeavor. Let's keep it up!

WHAT A NICE FEELING....The one that comes from sharing and participating in a worthy cause. 1984 ended reflecting the true generous and compassionate feelings of the CTA people for the less fortunate. Many employees

donated blood for American Red Cross and United Blood Services. Many others brought food to be donated to Mayor Washington's "Share It" Program and others, or perhaps even the same people, signed up for payroll deductions to give their donations to the United Way Crusade of Mercy. This is beautiful and hopefully those who could not participate this year will do so next year.

JOSE FLORES, a ticket agent out of North Section, is also president of the Pan American Lions Club where he is endlessly involved in worthy projects to help the needy. One of his most current projects is to help El Hogar del Nino (Home of the Child). For starters he recruited the efforts of some of his members and installed a new floor at the center located at 2325 S. California. The Lions also held a benefit dance February 9 at the Holiday Inn City Centre.

RUTH BROWN, an interviewer in the Personnel Department, has been attending the Moody Bible Institute for the past five years. She wants to be a Sunday Bible Teacher, a goal we hope she attains in the very near future.

A STAR IS BORN....ARTHELLA BROWN, a confidential office assistant in Labor Relations, has a beautiful singing voice, and she became a celebrity last October when she participated at a talent contest aboard the SS Norway during a seven-day Caribbean Cruise. She was the first person to ever sing a gospel song on that popular cruise ship. She received a certificate, naming her as an Honorary Viking. She also received a gold plate. She is a gospel singer with the First Church of Deliverance Choir, and she has participated on a number of occasions in the weekly program at WCFL-AM radio, directed by Rev. Eugene Gray, pastor of the church.

THE STORK WORKED FULL TIME IN 1984....Congratulations to the new parents: bundles of joy are keeping RUTH LeBRON, PATRICIA MANSKER, GERI TAPLING, and LAURA SCANNELLA busy with diapers and bottles. For ENNA de ALBA, a bus servicer at 77th Street, the stork worked double time: she became the mother of twin girls on December 4.

■ Fred King retires, begins consultant service

More than 140 people packed the Merchandise Mart M&M Club on December 12 for a testimonial luncheon honoring Frederick G. King, CTA Deputy Executive Director, Human Resources, who retired January 1.

Sharing the special occasion with King were: his wife, Barbara, and five of his six children; his mother, Mrs. Helen King, from Charleston, West Va.; his sister, Mrs. Helena Ward, from CTA Materials Management, his niece, Yvonne Ward of Schaumburg, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Alma Williams.

CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli, and Executive Director Bernard J. Ford praised King for his 27-year



A special guest of honor was King's mother, Mrs. Helen King, who slipped into town from Charleston, West Va., to surprise her son on his retirement. Enjoying the reaction is Mrs. Delores Brooks.

career with CTA, which began when he first joined the Authority in 1954 as a bus operator. After a brief hiatus spent in the U.S. Postal Service, he returned to CTA in 1957 to resume a career in transportation.

In 1962, after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Chicago Technical College, King was assigned as an electrical engineer in the rapid transit system where he designed electrical circuits and prepared drawings. He also served as project manager of the exact fare program and assistant project manager for CTA's capital development program.

King assumed responsibility for CTA's affirmative action, equal employment opportunity, and minority business enterprise programs when he was named manager of Human



Fred, his wife Barbara, and CTA Chairman Michael Cardilli admire one of the gifts presented to the honoree at his reception. Making the presentation are Mrs. Arthella Brown (left), Labor Relations, and Mrs. Betty Edwards, manager, Community Relations. Looking on is Louis Sanford, Operations.

Relations in 1974. A year later he was named manager, Human Resources/Personnel. His appointment by Chairman Cardilli as deputy executive director, Human Resources, came on March 1, 1984.

As his CTA achievements continued, King enhanced his personal development through the UMTA Management Training Program at Northeastern University in Boston, CTA's Management Education Program, and the Human Resources Development Training Program at Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania.

King has launched a new career as head of Fred G. King and Associates,

consultants for disadvantaged businesses seeking entry into federally funded projects. He is a resident of the West Chatham community where he is also active in civic and church work.

At his testimonial luncheon, friends gave King a set of luggage, a gold watch, and a montage plaque representing facets of his CTA career. A reception, attended by 150 people, was held in the CTA Board room at the Merchandise Mart on December 18.

King's parting words to friends gathered at his retirement luncheon were: "Remember the rule of kites. Kites don't rise with the wind - - they rise against the wind."



Calling it "quits" and saying farewell is Deputy Executive Director, Human Resources, Fred G. King. Co-workers with whom he has served in the last 27 years line up to bid him adieu. They are (left to right) Tom Wolgemuth, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance; Elonzo Hill and Robert Desvignes, Operations; Chris Kalogeras, Architectural Design; and George Millonas, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance.

■ Gems for Margaret



About 125 friends and co-workers attended a retirement party honoring Ms Margaret Walker, 64, who marked the end of her 34-year career with the CTA. The December 6 party was held in the CTA Board room. Ms Walker was a voucher audit clerk, Accounts Payable, Financial Services department. Friends gave her a ruby and diamond ring as a farewell tribute which she shows to Dennis McFadden, supervisor, Materials and Payables Accounting, and her sister, Mrs Mable Edie. Ms Walker, who lives in Oak Lawn, plans to travel and visit a niece who lives in Hong Kong.

■ Developing craftwork



Financial Services payroll clerk Doris Yost received her retirement packet from Gerald Kurowski, supervisor, Payroll, in a Board Room reception December 13 that was also attended by John Cannon (left), superintendent, Accounting Operations, and Brian Jakubowski, assistant supervisor, Payroll. After 29 years of service with CTA, Doris expects to spend more time developing her craftwork techniques in her Norwood Park home, on the Northwest Side, where she lives with her husband, Fred.

■ Plans travel, golf



Clarence Riley (right) marked the end of a 31-year CTA career at a December 14 party in the Mart Plaza Holiday Inn attended by some 50 people. Jim Stewart (left), Director, Equipment Engineering, presented Riley with a scale model of a M.A.N. articulated (Big Bend) bus made by Riley's friends at South Shops. The honoree also received a set of book ends made from air compressor pistons made by friends at Skokie Shop, and a cash gift. Riley who retired January 1, lives on the southwest side. He plans to travel and play golf.

■ No more Chicago winters



June Van Camp, assistant title and rental agent, studies her retirement packet held by Merritt Kotin, (right) director, Real Estate, joined by her supervisor, Phil Adelizzi. Chicago winters will soon be little more than news items for Van Camp, a 29-year CTA veteran, who plans to move from her home in Uptown, on the North Side, to the Gulf coast of Florida.

Service anniversaries in January

40 Years

Verna Hartney, Ashland Terminal

35 Years

Clarence Mathews, North Rail District

Jesse Richardson, Ashland Terminal

Robert Suta, North Bus Personnel

Douglas Williams, Ashland Terminal

Fred Zimmerman, North Rail District

30 Years

Felix Black, Stores-South

Maurice O'Connor, Blacksmith & Welding

George Weathers, South Rail Personnel

25 Years

Thomas Blaney, Ashland Terminal

Arnold Campbell, Forest Glen

Thomas Houston, Special Services

Jerry Johnson, Operations Control

Domicella Kalwasinski, Printing

Robert Lucas, Kedzie

Donald McKinney, Bus Instruction

Daniel Quagliano, Howard/Kimball

William Staunton, North Park

January Pensioners

MAURY ADAMS, Motorman,

Douglas, Emp. 1-11-49

STANLEY ANDREWS, Bus Operator,

Forest Glen, Emp. 1-12-59

ARTHUR ARDUINI, Lineman,

West Shops, Emp. 7-17-47

BERNARD ARMSTRONG, Supervisor,

Jefferson Park, Emp. 10-19-59

ROBERT BARCLAY, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 11-30-48

HOMER BARRON Jr., Warehouse Wrkr. I,

West Shops, Emp. 4-17-58

HARVEY BECKER, Bus Operator,

North Avenue, Emp. 5-8-58

TYDIS BERNARD, Bus Operator,

Archer, Emp. 3-9-64

LOUIS BIENIEK, Instructor,

Forest Glen, Emp. 12-14-53

THOMAS BODIE, Telephone Oper.,

77th Street, Emp. 10-7-52

ROBERT BOOTH, Mat. & Assign. Disp.,

West Shops, Emp. 10-11-48

JAMES BRENNAN, Traffic Checker,

Operations Planning, Emp. 5-1-46

ELMER BRISKEY, Bus Operator,

North Avenue, Emp. 4-1-46

CHARLES BROWN, Bus Servicer,

Kedzie, Emp. 11-5-48

FLOYD BURNS, Ticket Agent,

63rd/Ashland, Emp. 7-1-54

GEORGE BUTLER, Janitor,

77th Street, Emp. 6-11-53

JAMES CARTER, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 6-25-53

RAY CARTER, Bus Operator,

Limits, Emp. 11-23-59

WILLIE CARTER, Clerk,

77th Street, Emp. 2-26-53

JOHN CAPACCIO, Car Repairer,

Rosemont, Emp. 2-9-48

HORACE CHATMAN, Bus Operator,

Beverly, Emp. 2-27-51

ROBERT CHRISTMON, Hvy. Dty. Equip

Oper., West Shops, Emp. 10-29-59

CLEMENCEAU CHAPMAN, Laborer,

West Shops, Emp. 8-9-51

WILLIE COOPER, Bus Repairer,

69th Street, Emp. 7-21-48

JOHN COX, Bus Repairer,

Forest Glen, Emp. 2-15-47

MILFORD CUMBERLANDER, Serv. Trk.

Chauf., West Shops, Emp. 4-4-50

DANIEL DALEY, Supervisor,

Central District, Emp. 6-29-53

JOHN DeGROAT, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 11-12-53

AMERICO DIGIANFILIPPO, Car Rprmn. A.,

Wilson Shop, Emp. 2-8-49

JOHN DOPAK, Sheet Mtl. Foreman,

South Shops, Emp. 2-24-58

KATY DUNN, Ticket Agent,

Lake Street, Emp. 8-4-47

GERALD FELS, Bus Operator,

North Park, Emp. 10-14-54

DANIEL FITZGIBBON, Serv. Trk

Chauf., West Shops, Emp. 3-21-52

FARRELL GALLAGHER, Box Puller,

69th Street, Emp. 1-24-46

LAWRENCE GIRLICH, Laborer A,

West Shops, Emp. 1-23-62

ROBERT GLOVER, Rail Janitor,

Madison/Wabash, Emp. 12-16-68

ANTONIO GRANATA, Perf Contr. Spclst.,

Operations, Emp. 2-16-72

LINO GUERRA, Engine Washer,

North Park, Emp. 8-16-78

CURTIS HAGANS, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 11-18-57

RICHARD HAMMONDS, Trackman II,

West Shops, Emp. 5-11-51

JAMES HAYNIE, Painter,

South Shops, Emp. 2-23-50

RAY HELM, Bus Operator,

Beverly, Emp. 11-15-54

BURNETT HENDERSON, Superintendent,

Beverly, Emp. 12-18-52

JOHN HOLIMAN, Rail Janitor,

Madison/Wabash, Emp. 10-14-52

OTIS HYNSON, Traffic Checker,

Operations Planning, Emp. 5-27-54

CHARLES JOHNSON, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 10-22-53

CHARLES L. JOHNSON, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 3-19-53

JOSEPH JOHNSON, Clerk,

61st Street, Emp. 9-20-52

ERNEST KAYE, Carpenter,

South Shops, Emp. 9-28-70

RAYMOND KLAUB, Sheet Mtl. Foreman,

South Shops, Emp. 7-29-46

FREDERICK KING, Deputy Exec. Dir.,

Human Resources, Emp. 5-3-57

WILLIAM KNIGHT, Bus Operator,

North Park, Emp. 8-2-54

BERNARD KONIARSKI, Bus Operator,

North Park, Emp. 6-7-48

RANDOLPH LEWIS, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 4-29-52

WILLIAM LIDDELL, Bus Operator,

Forest Glen, Emp. 5-19-47

HERMAN LOUISVILLE, Switchman,

63rd/Ashland, Emp. 9-19-52

LENRO LUMPKIN, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 2-1-51

PIERINO MANNARELLI, Bus Operator,

69th Street, Emp. 9-27-47

HENRY MARTIN, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 4-30-59

CLARENCE MATHEWS, Rail Supervisor,

North Section, Emp. 1-19-50

ARTHUR MAXWELL, Frmn. Exc. Srvcmn.,

West Shops, Emp. 4-24-46

PATRICK MCGING, Plumber,

West Shops, Emp. 7-31-50

HOWARD McMILLAN, Srv. Trk. Chauf.,

West Shops, Emp. 2-6-51

RUFUS McMILLIAN, Rail Janitor,

Madison/Wabash, Emp. 10-15-51

ROBERT MILLER, Bus Operator,

Archer, Emp. 9-27-54

GEORGE MITCHELL, Bus Operator,

69th Street, Emp. 9-4-56

EDWARD MURRAY, Bus Repairer,

Forest Glen, Emp. 11-26-46

TEDDIE NIEZABITOWSKI, Bus Repairer,

69th Street, Emp. 9-24-46

CALVIN OLDHAM, Srv. Trk. Chauf.,

West Shops, Emp. 8-31-53

EDWIN OLEKSY, Sheet Mtl. Wkr. Ldr.,

South Shops, Emp. 8-24-59

VICTOR PACISKI, Bus Operator,

Beverly, Emp. 11-19-46

EUGENE PAGE, Machinist,

South Shops, Emp. 10-15-68

NELLO PARRILLO, Motor Cleaner,

Desplaines, Emp. 2-12-57

ARTHUR PAIGE, Bus Operator,

Archer, Emp. 11-2-50

JOHN PHILLIPS, Mail Clerk,

Mail Service, Emp. 10-6-43

SAMUEL POLLOCK, Conductor,

61st Street, Emp. 2-26-51

JEFFERY QUALLS, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 10-15-53

VERNON RAGE, Chief Clerk,

Limits, Emp. 12-15-38

JOE RAYBURN, Car Repairer,

61st Street, Emp. 10-15-56

JOSEPH RICCARDO, Srv. Truck Chauf.,

West Shops, Emp. 2-27-61

CLARENCE RILEY, Equip. Tech. III,

Equip. Engr. & Maint., Emp. 2-16-53

WILLIAM RILEY, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 9-9-57

OTIS ROUNDS, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 9-14-53

MARJORIE SEWARD, Ticket Agent,

95th Street, Emp. 12-20-56

HELEN SLATTERY, Typist I,

Skokie Shops, Emp. 8-29-67

BILLY SMALL, Bus Operator,

North Park, Emp. 3-21-55

EDWARD STACK, Chief Clerk,

Archer, Emp. 9-24-47

CHARLES STARR, Elec. Worker,

South Shops, Emp. 9-9-42

FRANK STEEN Jr., Car Repairer A,

Racine Shops, Emp. 1-17-57

JAMES STEWART, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 10-12-53

JOSEPH STUDLEY, Foreman,

West Shops, Emp. 2-10-47

WILLIE SUDDUTH, Car Repairer A,

Racine Shops, Emp. 12-20-50

GONZALO VALDEZ, Box Puller,

Archer, Emp. 8-3-53

JUNE VAN CAMP, Asst. Title Rental Agt.,

Law, Emp. 9-17-55

GARRETT VAUGHT, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 8-28-51

MARGARET WALKER, Voucher Audit Clerk,

Matr. & Pay. Acctg., Emp. 3-1-50

WYLLIE WEBB, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 5-8-46

ERVING WEILER, Bus Operator,

Beverly, Emp. 6-10-54

RICHARD WILSON, Bus Operator,

Forest Glen, Emp. 8-19-54

EDWARD WISNIEWSKI, Car Servicer,

Rosemont, Emp. 11-2-59

Disability Retirements

JAMES ADAMS, Motorman,

Kimball, Emp. 2-27-70

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES ANDORKA, 69, West Shops,

Emp. 7-10-46, Died 11-21-84

EMIL BECK, 90, Beverly,

Emp. 10-24-28, Died 11-17-84

JASPER BELLAFIORE, 73, Shops & Equip.,

Emp. 5-25-47, Died 10-09-84

JOHN DePAULA, 75, North Avenue,

Emp. 9-5-46, Died 10-24-84

JULIA DUFFY, 87, West Section,

Emp. 5-5-43, Died 10-29-84

CHARLES EDMONSON, 81, 69th Street,

Emp. 12-28-28, Died 11-26-84

MICHAEL FADDEN, 84, South Section,

Emp. 3-15-26, Died 10-29-84

ARTHUR FOURNIER, 75, Shops & Equip.,

Emp. 9-24-42, Died 10-14-84

GARNETT HAWKINS, 77, West Section,

Emp. 10-16-52, Died 10-24-84

RALPH HODGES, 81,



Officers of CTA Pioneers Retirement Club for 1985 are (from left) George Nash, 2nd vice president; Mel Horning, 1st vice president; Frank Koziol, president; Warren Scholl, treasurer, and Walter Steinbeiss, secretary.

Pioneers Set '85 schedule

The CTA Pioneers Retirement Club, 550 strong, observed its ninth anniversary last December in the Golden Flame restaurant, Nagle and Higgins avenues. The club meets there for a noon lunch the second Tuesday of each month. In 1985, the club will hold four special days for members and guests. The days are Feb. 12 - Valentine party, May 14 - Mother's Day party, September 10 - Back to School party, and December 10 - Christmas party. For more information, telephone Walter Steinbeiss at 334-8149.

Weekend Passport of enrichment

The Field Museum of Natural History offers a fun way to delve into natural history every Saturday and Sunday for you and family members.

The Weekend Passport of enriching entertainment runs the gamut of activity from archaic Egyptian mummies to mounted animals which are so life-like, it's hard to believe they are not alive.

Visitors are taken inside the world of natural history through tours, demonstrations, slide lectures and films related to museum exhibits.

Among highlights for the month of March is "Treasures from the Totem Forest," a March 23 tour which introduces the Indians of southeast Alaska and British Columbia, their totem poles and masks. For other weekend listings check the Weekend Passport at Museum entrances.

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RONDA FARLEY
Female black 15 years of age 5'4"
130 lbs. medium build
brown eyes
black hair worn long. Last seen
wearing a blue jacket, red shirt
blue jeans and grey shoes. Missing
since 8 October 84. Frequent
areas of 40th and Normandie and
Fountain.

102

DIANE DELGADO
Female white Hispanic 13 years of
age 5'3" 110 lbs. medium build
medium complexion brown eyes
black hair worn long. Last seen
wearing a blue jacket, red shirt
blue jeans and grey shoes. Missing
since 8 October 84. Frequent
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**If you have any
please call:**

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A public service
message from

Please! Help us find our children...

103

LYCHING PU
Female Asian 13 years old 5'1"
90 lbs. 8" medium build medium
complexion brown eyes black hair
May be in the vicinity of 40th
and Wilson. Missing since
31 December 1984.

LOCATED
LYCHING PU

104

LISA THOMAS
Female white 12 years of age 5'2"
120 lbs. medium complexion
brown eyes blonde hair. Frequent
the areas of the Boulevard Mall
Wardens & Irving. Shopping
 Plaza and Irving Park and Danm
8th. Missing since 21 October 84.

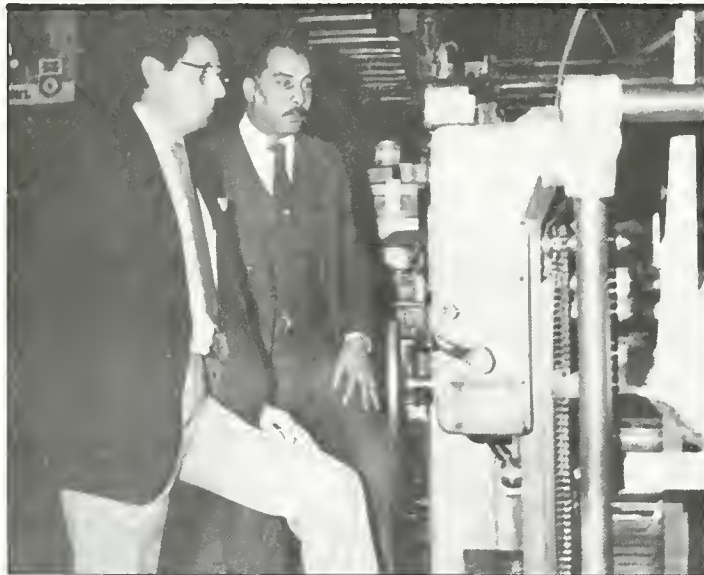
LISA THOMAS



If you have any information about a missing child
please call the Chicago Police Department ...

(312) **744-6222**

cta joins police effort to locate missing youths



CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli and Chicago Police Department Youth Division Commander Joe P. Mayo observe the first press run of Missing Children car cards.



Public Affairs staff members who developed and promoted the program are shown planning the second month's printing of car cards. From left: Ron Weslow, public information coordinator; Alan Grady, graphic designer/production assistant; Robert Gaines, special projects; and Terry Hocin, director, Promotional Services.

When Chairman Michael A. Cardilli ordered that car cards with photographs and descriptions of missing children be placed in all transit vehicles, CTA became the first transit property in the nation to assist police in finding missing children.

Requests for information from other transit properties have been pouring in since the program was announced.

Car cards produced by CTA Public Affairs, which bear the photographic likenesses of missing youths and pertinent data on the youths, are being posted each month in all buses and trains in cooperation with TDI/Winston Advertising Network. The message on the cards asks CTA riders to "Please help us find our children." Cards also list the police department telephone number, 744-6222, for persons with information to call.

Cardilli said CTA will post four pictures of missing youths in buses and trains each month, and then turn the cards over to area shopping centers where they will be on display again. Authorities believe some missing children are kidnap victims abducted from shopping centers.

Commander Joe P. Mayo, Chicago Police Youth Division, feels that the majority of unlocated youths are not kidnap victims, but, for a variety of

reasons are runaways. "The fact that the Chicago Police Department and the CTA have involved themselves we hope will cause those children to think that someone does care, and would aid them in returning to their families," said Mayo. Last year more than one million young people were reported to police across the nation as missing.

The special CTA public service project was developed by the CTA Public Affairs Department and spearheaded by the Promotional Services section. The project was coordinated with the Chicago Police Department's Youth Division, and artwork and printing arrangements were made by the CTA Publications section, producers of *Transit News*.

The idea was conceived following a program which started when Hawthorne Melody Dairy began publishing pictures of missing children on its milk cartons. Both Hawthorne Melody and CTA have received national media coverage for their bold public service efforts to help law enforcement agencies locate missing youths.

CTA Chairman Cardilli told CBS and Cable News Network reporters, "CTA has one million riders each morning and evening who will be exposed to our car cards. We think this will help. At least there will be public

awareness. I'm a parent and a grandparent, and I've heard so much about missing children, and I'm concerned."

The chairman also said, "We believe in this program so strongly that we want all of our riders to help in the search for Chicago area missing youths. I know that our one million daily riders will be another source for trying to locate or provide information to assist the Police Department in its efforts. We hope all Chicagoans will get involved in this all-important endeavor."

Riders are being asked to key on numbers in the upper left hand corner of each picture when giving information to police about young people they may have seen who are known to be among the missing.

Meanwhile, as attention continues to focus on the cooperation between CTA and the Chicago Police Department, CTA Chairman Cardilli and Executive Director Bernard J. Ford have asked the American Public Transportation Association to endorse CTA's volunteer program, as an inducement to help law enforcement across the nation in one of the most devastating problems facing parents and guardians of more than 500,000 young people throughout the United States who are still missing.

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Reserve Unit Citation

From the Chairman

For our children

One of the most serious crises on a city-wide and nation-wide level is the growing number of missing children--more than 15,000 in the Chicago area and more than 500,000 nation-wide. It causes personal suffering for affected families and creates uncertainty and apprehension among all parents and a lack of confidence in the quality of life in our society.

CTA has taken the lead in the transit industry by asking citizens to help locate missing children and return them to their families. We serve more than one million riders every day, and our transit advertising is an excellent means of providing information about missing children in hope that some of our riders might provide the police department with information about the children that may lead to their return.

Our Missing Children car card program is an excellent example of cooperation between public and private agencies to serve the needs of the community. The Chicago Police Department is supplying photographs and information about the missing children, and TDI/Winston is providing free advertising space and posting the public service announcements. The program also has benefited from thorough and widespread print and electronic media coverage which has made the public aware that we need their help to solve this problem.

As a parent and grandparent, I understand the suffering and apprehension that many parents must be experiencing, and I thank the employees of CTA and other agencies who have helped us implement the Missing Children car card program.

We all can further assist in this endeavor by asking the merchants that we patronize in our own communities what they are doing to help find our missing children. This is no time to be a spectator!

Michael Randall

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Desplaines-Congress superintendent receives Army Employer Support award

Desplaines-Congress Superintendent Alex Wilson was honored by the 302nd Transportation Battalion and the 86th U.S. Army Reserve Command as he was presented the U.S. Army Reserve Employer Support Award in a January 19 ceremony at Glenview U.S. Army Reserve Center.

Wilson was recommended for the honor by Wrather Adams, a Desplaines-Congress rapid transit conductor who serves as motor sergeant of the 302nd Transportation Battalion at Glenview. The Army also promoted Adams to the rank of staff sergeant in the same ceremony.

A certificate of appreciation accompanying the plaque noted that Wilson was honored for the "enthusiastic and patriotic support" which he rendered

the U.S. Army Reserve Command (86th USARCOM) through "outstanding assistance to the command and the United States Army Reserve."

The award is given in recognition of employers who give maximum support to employee/reservists in the performance of their military training.

Wilson, a CTA employee since 1961, expressed appreciation for the award which was presented by Lieutenant James E. Siegman, commander of the 302nd Transportation Battalion. Wilson was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Vera Wilson.

Adams has been a CTA employee for 15 years. Prior to joining the Army Reserve, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 25 months. He has nine years of active and reserve military service.

Desplaines-Congress Superintendent Alex Wilson proudly displays Employer Support Award plaque and certificate of appreciation presented by Lieutenant James E. Siegman, Commander, 302nd Transportation Battalion at Glenview USAR Center. Wilson was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Vera Wilson, and Staff Sergeant Wrather Adams.

Illinois Railway Museum buys retired 6000's



Cars 6125-6126 arrive at the Illinois Railway Museum.

Starred in Steve McQueen movie

The Illinois Railway Museum at Union, Illinois, continues to build its fleet of nostalgic vehicles to the delight of visitors who flock to this historical show place of Chicagoland public transportation each spring and summer.

Recently added to the yesteryear inventory of rail transportation are cars 6125 and 6126, a pair of 6000-series cars which made their final morning rush hour run on the Ravenswood route last June 25. The cars were then sent to Skokie Shops storage and retired July 11 to be purchased by the museum.

Cars 6125 and 6126 were part of CTA's original order of 130 6000-series cars, and are the last of eight cars in the series to operate with trolley poles. The poles were removed in the late 60's.

Museum operators say the 6000-series cars, coupled back-to-back in two-car units are all electric PCC Cars (Presidents' Conference Committee) modified for rapid transit use.

The first of the 6000-series cars arrived in Chicago in August 1950. During the mid-50's, CTA installed trolley poles on four cars, 6127-6130, which were fitted with special high speed equipment and used as Evanston Express shopper specials.

Later, cars 6125 and 6126, now in the Illinois Railway Museum, were part of four additional cars also fitted with



Rapid transit car 6125, used in the late actor Steve McQueen's last movie, "The Hunter," joins companion car 6126 at Skokie Shops.

trolley poles. Other minor changes were also made to increase speed.

Roof boards were removed from the series in the 60's, along with the trolley poles, but in September 1979, the roof boards reappeared on cars 6123 and 6125, because these two vehicles were being used for the filming of the late actor Steve McQueen's last motion picture, "The Hunter."

The veteran actor spent many hours shooting scenes on the roof of the two cars with the train speeding along CTA's system.

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Columbia College Chicago offers spring series of photography lectures

A spring series of photography lectures and workshops featuring two outstanding photographers who are known internationally for their exciting and innovative work are being offered at Columbia College Chicago through May 10.

Nathan Lyons and Jack Welpott will present lectures on Friday nights which are open to the public, and will be held in the Ferguson Theater at Columbia College, 600 S. Michigan Avenue, beginning at 7:30 p.m.; the fee for the public is \$5.00 and Columbia students are admitted free. No advance registration is necessary. Nathan Lyons, April 19; Jack Welpott, May 10.

For further information on Columbia College Chicago's photography lecture/workshop series, call (312) 663-1600, ext. 320.

1985 Exhibition Highlights at Cultural Center

Major exhibitions are being offered free during 1985 at The



Chicago Public Library Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street.

Over 25 exhibitions will be offered during the year at the Cultural Center by the Chicago Office of Fine Arts and The Chicago Public Library, many in cooperation with other prominent organizations.

Exhibits are regularly displayed in five galleries and represent a wide range of media: painting, sculpture, photography, graphics, crafts, architecture, and design. The exhibitions showcase a variety of presentations, from international and national traveling to one-person shows by local artists.

Viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Free programs and exhibits in the lively and visual arts are offered almost daily at the Cultural Center. A monthly calendar of events is available at the building. Exhibitions now offered include:

Your calendar highlights are needed

After Hours will continue to feature a long-range calendar of educational and cultural events for Transit News readers.

We encourage you to share your long range plans with us and make the employee publication a one-stop shopping tour. We welcome information on your not-for-profit activities, from the theater to the museum or classroom.

The Art of Seymour Rosofsky This long-awaited survey devoted to one of the masters of Chicago art explores the emotional and pictorial breadth of his work from the late 1950s to his death in 1981. Until April 13, Exhibit Hall.

Gary Justis: Hyperfunctional Icons This exhibition features electrokinetic sculpture by Chicago artist Gary Justis, a sculptor who has gained national attention for his anthropomorphic sculptures in recent years. Until May 25, Randolph Gallery.

New American Paperworks This major traveling exhibition of two and three-dimensional pieces, installations, and environments features works by 20 American artists who have used paper as an integral part of the artwork rather than as the traditional recipient surface. Until July 13, Exhibit Hall.

Virginio Ferrari: Inside/Outside This two-part exhibit features the work of internationally-celebrated Virginio Ferrari who has made Chicago his home for the past 20 years. Ferrari is primarily noted for his large-scale, outdoor abstract works in metal. Until Sept. 7, Randolph Gallery.

The Black Photographer: An American View Over 200 black and white and color vintage images comprise this major historical overview highlighting the substantial contributions of Black photographers from all parts of the United States, from the 1840s through the 1960s. Until October 12, Exhibit Hall.

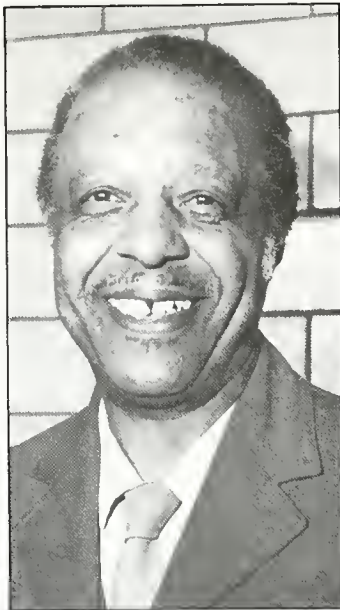
For weekly updated listings of events, dial F-I-N-E A-R-T (346-3278).

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Commendation Corner

Robert Madison (Beverly garage) was complimented by Virginia Johnson, of West 114th Street, for being "a terrific representative of your company" as operator of a No. 52A South Kedzie bus.

"He is observant, knows regular riders at each stop, and is helpful. Several times in one week my (earlier) bus broke down. Driver No. 6448 called in, realizing he had no leader, and asked if he could start out five minutes early and pick us up. I am most grateful for his thoughtfulness. His smile, kind words and helpful ways go a long way in brightening my day and those of the many passengers riding with him."



Arlene Hudson (West Section) was noticed by Mrs. Henry Ulmer, of Elmwood Park, who was a rider on her Lake-Dan Ryan train early one morning leaving the Harlem terminal.

"The floor of the train was completely covered with ripped-up newspapers. I have never seen anything like it. This conductor was very nice. She picked up as much paper as she had time for between train stops and put it in the waste baskets on the platforms. I think she should be recognized for her effort to clean the train. Besides that, she called out every station very clearly, and was also polite and friendly."

Martin Troglia (Limits garage) was praised by Betsy Spears, of Pine Grove Avenue, for his efforts to retrieve her billfold from a thief on a No. 146 Marine/Michigan bus. "He saw a man pull my billfold from my purse. We were stopped at a red light on Michigan and Huron. He yelled a warning to me, and then pursued the thief until a policeman intervened. The driver returned to the bus and handed me the billfold. I truly believe I had a one-in-a-million person witnessing the crime. It would have been easy for him to turn his head, ignore the scene, and keep driving. I am extremely grateful."

Lela Townes (77th Street garage) impressed Mildred Lynk, of Euclid Avenue, with the way she handled her No. 6 Jeffery Express bus. "She was courteous, pleasant and very helpful. She gave each passenger the directions asked of her as though that information was part of her job, and not an annoyance to be ignored. I have ridden the buses for 17 years, and never saw a driver like her. She is to be commended for her cheerful attitude and helpful manner. She also announced each stop soon enough and clearly enough to be useful. We need more people like her."

Guido Barrera (North Park garage) won the admiration of Cynthia Bell, who rode his No. 156 LaSalle bus to her job on North LaSalle Street. "A pedestrian stepped off the curb into the line of the bus. Due to the alertness and quick thinking of the driver, the bus was moved out of the woman's path, and she was safe. This was the closest call I have ever seen, and I thought the woman was a goner. You are to be congratulated for employing a driver of the skill and adroitness of No. 7540 in safeguarding pedestrians who make the most unpredictable and unsafe decisions while on the streets."

Charley Lane (Beverly garage) was commended by Naomi Gray, of West 99th Street, for "excellent service over and above the norm" as operator of a No. 112 Vincennes/111 bus. "He is one of your best operators. I've been in the neighborhood a long time, and whenever I ride his bus, he is always the same — courteous and extra considerate of the elderly. One of the especially nice things about him is that at transfer stops he does not rush off, leaving the people who are trying to make their connections. When I hear people say, 'They don't care,' I say, 'Don't say *They* don't care, just say *Some* don't, never all.'"

Adrian Miller (West Section) is doing "an extra special job" as agent in the Dearborn subway at Jackson, according to David Saulnier, who works on South Wells Street. "In one recent rush hour dash home, I submitted a five-dollar bill, instead of a single. After he gave me a dime in change, I was gone in a flash — before he could count out the four singles. I was almost down the stairs when he made a fierce racket, finally getting my attention. After all his trouble, he even had a sense of humor, like 'my biggest tip of the day, but I know this belongs to you.' Only then did I realize my mistake. He is a fine gentleman."

Maria Agnew (Limits garage) was appreciated by Karen Curry, of North Wells Street, for the way she handled a No. 156 LaSalle bus. "In the 10 years that I have been a daily CTA passenger, she was the most pleasant driver and certainly one of the most skillful I have ridden with. Street traffic was very heavy, and the blowing snow made traveling treacherous. The driver pulled the bus to the curb at each stop and waited until the old/infirm passengers were seated before pulling away. She clearly called out the stops. She drove defensively and with great skill. It was a pleasure traveling with her."

Two rapid transit crews get DAY IN CTA HONORS

Bus controller James Stephen explains ► how service is monitored from his console to Day in CTA honorees touring the control center. They are (from left) rail conductors Allan McFall and Russell Williams, and motormen Ronald Cosley and Lena Jones.



When the trolley shoes of a rapid transit car on a six-car North-South train caught fire at Fullerton avenue, motorman Ronald Cosley and conductor Allan McFall responded immediately by having the power cut and a supervisor sent to the scene.

Later the trolley shoes were secured, fuses were cut and the defective car was cut out. The crew thus avoided more serious problems which could have resulted if the trolley shoes had grounded.

Both crewmen were honored on "A Day in CTA" for their quick response to the situation. Similar honors were accorded motorman Lena Jones and conductor Russell Williams of

Howard Street terminal for their quick response to another emergency situation on the North-South rapid transit route.

Their train was northbound at Indiana when it went into emergency. After checking the train, it was discovered that the permanent coupling between the fifth and sixth cars was broken.

Ms Jones and Williams unloaded the passengers from their defective train onto a southbound train by using gang planks.

The crew received special recognition for its teamwork and the safe evacuation of their riders which averted injuries and equipment damage.

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Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received commendations from the public.

Samuel Adams Jr., North Park
Lavan Anderson, Kedzie

Adrien Bazile, Beverly
Saul Bozeman, Ashland
Deborah Brown, Kedzie
James Burris, Kedzie

Jean Cage, North Park
Jose Canales, Limits
Eric Camey, 69th Street
Jesse Chin, North Park
Maggie Chitto, North Park
Walter Christian, Archer
Felicia Clower, Limits
David Copeland, Kedzie
Mary Crenshaw, North Park
David Curley, North Rail Dist.

Clarence Davis, 77th Street
Minnie Davis, North Avenue
Thomas Davis, Special Services

Albert Dayan, North Park
Janice Douglas, 69th Street
Herman Duffin, Forest Glen
Theonia Dunn, Archer

William Edgerton, Limits

Eddie Figueroa, North Park
Hubert Fincher, North Park
William Fletcher Jr., Howard/Kimball
Lester Franklin, North Avenue

Luis Guilamo, Howard/Kimball

Donald Heard, Howard/Kimball
Annie Hill, 77th Street
Ralph Horne, 69th Street

Tery Jackson, 77th Street
Edgar Jeffrey, Forest Glen
Sandra Johnson, 69th Street

John Koldan, North Section
James Kolstad, Beverly

John Lemond, North Park
Dominic Lochirco, Archer

Geru Martin, Forest Park
Felix Matias, Archer
Andrew McDaniel, Beverly
James Melton, North Park
Earl Miles, Kedzie
Eugene Motyka, Jefferson Park

Stephen Nance, Archer
James Nelson, North Park
Harold Nelson Jr., Howard/Kimball
Victoria Nesbit, North Park

Ferdinand Ortiz, North Park

Eduardo Pescatore, Forest Glen

Ruben Quiles, Jefferson Park

Kenneth Richards, Limits

Donald Seay, Howard/Kimball
Harold Stingley Jr., Jefferson Park
Carl Suddeth, North Park

Wendell Talbert, North Park
Vinente Tamayo, North Avenue
Richard Thomas Jr., North Avenue

Joe Viel, North Avenue

William Walls, Limits
Amos Williams Jr., North Section
Andrew Wilson, Archer

Fred Young, North Park
Charles Young, Jefferson Park

Joseph Zukerman, North Park



103RD STONY

progress report

Construction has begun on the 103rd Street and Stony Island bus garage, with completion expected in spring, 1987.

As the second new bus facility to be built by CTA in more than 30 years, 103rd Street will be a model of high technology and efficiency, featuring many of the design innovations first used in the new Kedzie garage, which was dedicated in June, 1984. This multi-million dollar structure will have large indoor bus parking, servicing, and maintenance facilities. Up to 300 buses will escape the weather, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars in diesel fuel and engine wear and tear, and increasing overall bus life.

Since heat loss through open garage doors has always been a problem, the consultant has designed a common bus entry/exit area. This smaller area has a lower ceiling, thus trapping warmer air in the taller structure of the main garage behind the bus entry/exit location.

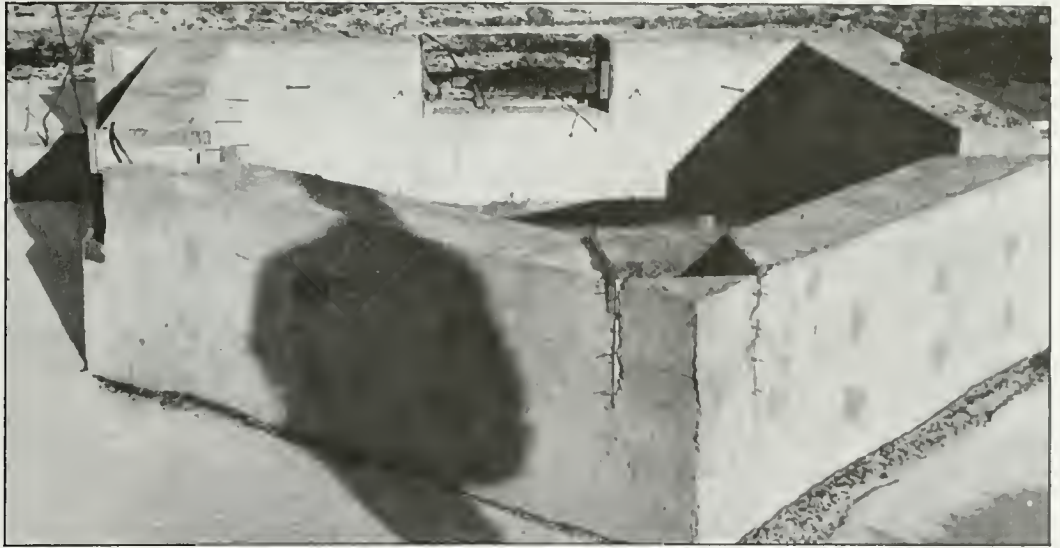
In addition, the garage complex includes a 100,000-gallon underground diesel fuel storage capacity, bus washers, and storage facilities for bulk deliveries of lubricants, anti-freeze, and soaps. An automatic delivery system distributes these materials directly to maintenance work stations.

CTA Project Manager F. H. Petzold stated that the facility was designed by Baker Engineering, Inc., Chicago office, and the general contractor is Klein Construction Company of Westmont. Funding for the \$25.6 million project has been provided by the state and federal governments. **cta**



Specialized equipment is used when drilling for one of the 246 caissons that will form the subgrade foundation for the garage structure.

ISLAND GARAGE



View shows part of a completed grade beam at the main bus entry/exit location. Grade beams are framed into the caissons and the completed structure supports the exterior brick walls.



Workers install reinforcing steel and forms for concrete grade beams along east wall, looking north.



South wall shows more progress on grade beams after concrete has been poured.

graduations in operations

CTA Operations Division is adding 52 more potential management team members from within its ranks.

Certificates of training were awarded February 11 to 18 selected management personnel at the first graduation ceremony of 1985 which was held in the CTA Board room at the Merchandise Mart.

The class included five assistant superintendent of instruction trainees, and 13 candidates for superintendent of bus and rail personnel. Other candidates are presently in training as superintendents for bus, rail, and agent service.

The newly selected management team candidates, with an average of 20 years CTA service, will fill management positions from a pool of new management people as vacancies occur by attrition, as announced by Harry Reddrick, deputy executive director, Operations.

The first three weeks of the eight to eleven-week training program introduces candidates to management

Operations graduates first 1985 management trainees

theory, skills and orientation. This phase of training runs the gamut of theory from duties and responsibilities to leadership and problem solving.

The formal training is enhanced with independent projects, appearances of guest lecturers from various CTA departments, video taped presentations and role playing exercises.

The formal training is followed by

six to eight weeks of field training in which the management candidates receive on-the-job training in their selected areas of speciality.

Performances are evaluated and candidates are ranked and assigned as substitutes as temporary vacancies occur. Permanent assignments are also based upon periodic performance ratings, according to Training/Instruction personnel.

Recent graduates of the management development training were Assistant Superintendent, Instruction trainees: Arthur Bennett, Wilson Hart, Charles Hodges, Harvey Jones, and John Perkins.

Superintendent for Personnel graduates were: John Andrews, Jessie Burns, McRayfield Caldwell, Joyce Bell, Frank Jones, Daryl Lampkins, Luster Morton and Leonard Perry. Others were: Milton Rolland, Fred Schein, Fred Williams, Jerry Williams, Walter Young, and James Burns, Operations Administrative Services department.

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Assistant superintendents for Instruction earning certificates of training in the first class of 1985 are (from left) John Perkins,



Charles Hodges, Harvey Jones, Arthur Bennett, and Wilson Hart.



Candidates for bus and rail personnel superintendents receiving certificates are (seated) Jessie Burns, McRayfield Caldwell, Joyce Bell, and Milton Rolland. Standing are Jerry Williams, John Andrews, Fred Schein, Leonard Perry, Walter C. Young, Frank Jones, Daryl Lampkins, and Fred Williams.



Ernestine Flient elected PMI vice president

Ernestine Flient, a Capital Development project controller, was elected vice president of the Midwest chapter of the Project Management Institute.

Ms Flient, a member of PMI since 1983, joined CTA in 1979. She holds a B.A. degree in finance, and is a member of the American Association of Cost Engineers, an affiliate organization of PMI.

The Project Management Institute is a national organization for the professional development of project managers and controllers. The Midwest chapter meets monthly, alternating between Chicago and Milwaukee.

PMI hosts an annual seminar/symposium and encourages its members to publish papers in the PM Journal on subjects of particular interest to the institute.

The organization also recognizes its members who make significant and continued contributions to the institute and promote professionalism. The awards are presented each year during the annual seminar/symposium.

Ms Flient said PMI is striving for the establishment of a certification program comparable to the method now used for certified public accountants. PMI is also working to establish basic concepts for project managers and controllers, particularly in the areas of concept approach, target dates, and budget.

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Veterans to receive insurance dividends

More than 168,000 Illinois veterans who kept their GI life insurance in force will share a record \$39 million in dividends in 1985, the Veterans Administration announced.

No application for the annual dividend is necessary, according to Grady Horton, director of the VA Regional Office in Chicago. He said each policyholder will receive the dividend automatically in the month of the anniversary date of the policy.

Horton said the record high dividend was due to high interest earnings on the insurance funds' investments and lower death rates among policyholders.

There are 2,191 World War I veterans in Illinois with current policies. The average amount to be

paid to these policyholders nationwide is \$248. A total 138,577 World War II veterans in the state will receive an average payment of \$241. Korean conflict policyholders--22,888 in Illinois-- will receive an average payment of \$187.

Disabled veterans from World War II and Korea who have a special type of GI insurance (Veterans Reopened Insurance) will also receive increased dividends. This year 4,628 Illinois policyholders will receive dividends which average \$203. Vietnam-era and post-Vietnam era veterans, who have different insurance programs, do not receive dividends.

Horton said the state's dividend payout is part of a national record \$798.8 million in 1985 dividends to 3.4 million veterans.

White River, Norfolk Lake great for trout fishing



Lars Pearson, who retired as day foreman at Lawndale garage, displays an 18-pound striper which took a prize in a fisherman's contest at Mountain Home, Arkansas, where Pearson now lives. The former Lawndale foreman, and CTA pensioner William Miedema, who lives in Chicago, enjoy fishing Mountain Home waters together year-round.

Fishing is good throughout the year in Mountain Home, Arkansas, report pensioners Bill Miedema, and Lars Pearson.

Miedema, formerly of North Avenue garage, and Pearson, who retired as foreman at Lawndale, say that although spring and summer is very good for trout fishing, the weather is just as accommodating in

November, and fish bite just as regularly in the spring, summer, or winter.

CTA fishermen planning to vacation in the south and test the waters of Mountain Home, may want to dip their lines into the White River, Norfolk Lake, or Bull Shoals Dam, waters which Miedema says are the best places in the area for any angler.



LaNITA MONTGOMERY, daughter of Barbara Montgomery, Revenue Accounting, was graduated December 22, 1984 with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Western Illinois University.

THE INSIDE NEWS

Our first INSIDE NEWS column appeared last month. We are bringing INSIDE NEWS back in its traditional format of short news items from work locations, with photos when available, but we need news from work locations and reporters to relay the news to us. If you would like to volunteer to be an INSIDE NEWS reporter, please phone Rick Willis, Ext. 3324, or Jack Sowchin, Ext. 3320, in the Mart.



Child Model

If you think you've seen this face before perhaps you have. He's five-year old Phillip James Williams, a child model whose likeness appears on Marshall Fields, Sears Roebuck, and Montgomery Ward advertisements. His modeling career which began a year ago, also includes television commercials from cookies to toothpaste. Phillip is the son of north-siders, Mr. and Mrs. James Williams. His father is a bus servicer assigned to North Avenue garage.

Sales coordinator's son may have future in baseball

At the rate he's hurling the ball these days, 19-year old Steven Culkar is apt to have a very lucrative major league baseball career ahead of him.

The six-foot, 175-pound Harper College sophomore, who says he wants to be a broadcast journalist, is the son of CTA sales coordinator Thom Culkar of Des Plaines.

The young pitcher's affinity for baseball developed when he was a little leaguer. His talent as a pitcher progressed through the Boys League, and on to Forest View High School in Arlington Heights where he graduated in 1983. His immediate goal is to be "the best pitcher on the Harper campus."

Last summer, Culkar's Mt. Prospect American Legion Post 525 baseball team won the Cook County Tournament, the State tourney, and was runner-up in the Great Lakes Regional Tournament at Rockport, Indiana. The sweep of victories in the Cook County Tournament was in no small measure to the credit of young Culkar, whose performance included a win and three saves.

In the State contest, Culkar finished

1-1 and fanned five hitters in succession to end the championship game. The American Legion named him its most valuable player for 1984. He was also recipient of the Cook County Tournament Pitching award.

Still more honors are planned for the young pitcher; the Chicago Old Timers are set to give him special recognition at their spring banquet for being selected MVP for Division I. Culkar will be in the company of the 1984 Chicago Cubs who will also be feted at the Old Timers banquet.

During the regular 1984 season, Culkar made 22 appearances on the mound and completed six games for Mt. Prospect. He had 11 saves, nine wins, and six losses in 93-1/3 innings.

He tallied 111 strikeouts, had only 49 walks, and recorded a 2.25 earned run average. Culkar helped his own cause at the plate with a .410 batting average.

American Legion baseball has had the strong support of organized baseball for many years, and has long received the special attention of both professional and college scouts.



American Legion Baseball Commissioner Leroy Leister presents the Most Valuable Player plaque to pitcher Steven Culkar of the Mt. Prospect American Legion Post 525 team. Culkar is a sophomore at Harper College where he majors in broadcast journalism.

New Pensioners

FRED BADKE, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 3-27-58
DANIEL BORE, Switchman,
West Section, Emp. 7-12-49
DONALD BURTON, Claim Rep.,
Law/Claims, Emp. 12-23-57
WILLIAM CECICH, Serv. Trk. Chauff.,
West Shops, Emp. 11-24-47
PAUL CHRISTINO, Adm. Aide,
Executive, Emp. 1-22-47
MICHAEL CONNOLLY, Machinist,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 8-14-50
ROBERT DARROW, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-29-57
CHRISTINE EVANS, Ticket Agent,
95th Street, Emp. 12-15-56
CHARLES JAMES, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 10-12-59
L. B. JEFFRIES, Rail Janitor,
Madison/Wabash, Emp. 1-20-70
DONALD KARL, Clerk,
Beverly, Emp. 1-16-46
WALTER KINNISH, Chief Clerk,
Kedzie, Emp. 1-24-49
THOMAS LeNOIR Jr., Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 1-3-49
VIOLA MEYER, Payroll Clk. II,
Revenue Acctg., Emp. 10-26-55
JAMES MOONE, Bus Repairer,
Archer, Emp. 1-16-42
JOHN MORNAR, Money Handler I,
Central Counting, Emp. 1-22-46
CHARLES MYERS, Term. Asst. Foreman,
Desplains Shop, Emp. 3-20-50
VITO PALUMBO, Steamfitter,
West Shops, Emp. 5-29-46
WILLIAM PARNUM, Superintendent,
North Park, Emp. 8-14-46
FRANK PONZIO, Traffic Checker,
Schedules, Emp. 8-4-47
WILLIE SCOTT, Supervisor,
Schedules, Emp. 10-2-51
JOHN SMITH, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 2-16-61
ROBERT SUTA, Superintendent,
O'Hare Terminal, Emp. 1-3-50
SAM THOMAS, Bus Operator,
Washington, Emp. 2-20-56
RONALD VOLLAND, Painter Foreman,
West Shops, Emp. 11-10-59
ALBERT WILLIAMS, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 11-23-56
DORIS YOST, Payroll Clerk II,
Payroll Acctg., Emp. 4-16-56
FRED ZIMMERMAN, Supervisor,
North District, Emp. 1-4-50

Disability Retirements

JAMES JACKSON Jr., Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 5-9-50
GORDON VAN NORMAN, Car Servicer,
Kimball, Emp. 5-13-69

MARTIN ANDERSEN, 89, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-14-17, Died 12-8-84
HARRY BONESS, 75, Claim,
Emp. 1-6-26, Died 12-15-84
CLARENCE BRIEGER, 77, West Section,
Emp. 5-1-26, Died 12-5-84
DANIEL BRODIE Jr., 66, Wilson Shop,
Emp. 3-5-47, Died 1-3-85
JAMES BURNS, 83, Engineering,
Emp. 12-20-43, Died 12-4-84
CARMINE CARDAMONE, 79, Stores,
Emp. 8-22-39, Died 12-15-84
EDWARD CARROLL, 83, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-17-25, Died 8-14-84
RAYMOND CORBEL, 64, Compt./Acctg.,
Emp. 8-5-41, Died 12-22-84
LEO FORTIER, 84, Electrical,
Emp. 4-12-20, Died 12-6-84
MARSHALL FOSTER, 77, Engineering,
Emp. 7-15-37, Died 12-18-84
ROE GUDMOND, 79, 61st Street,
Emp. 1-15-46, Died 12-19-84
JOSEPH HEENEY, 88, West Shops,
Emp. 8-19-29, Died 11-22-84
JOHN HEIN, 76, North Park,
Emp. 5-8-41, Died 12-3-84
CLAUDE HUGHES, 81, North Park,
Emp. 1-24-29, Died 11-24-84
HARRY JOHNSON, 76, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-15-37, Died 12-13-84

GEORGE LUENBERGER, 63, Limits,
Emp. 7-28-53, Died 12-9-84
EDWARD MANNION, 74, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-29-43, Died 12-1-84
ANTHONY MCGOWAN, 89, North Section,
Emp. 2-26-17, Died 12-11-84
RUDOLPH MISEK, 70, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-1-46, Died 12-28-84
PATRICK MULLANEY, 82, Beverly,
Emp. 7-2-36, Died 12-23-84
CHRIST PANTOS, 66, Forest Glen,
Emp. 5-21-46, Died 12-5-84
JOSEPH PFLUM, 84, Forest Glen,
Emp. 3-4-24, Died 12-22-84
AUGUST SANFILLIPPO, 56, Forest Glen,
Emp. 3-2-54, Died 12-8-84
ANNA SCHLEITER, 88, Engineering,
Emp. 10-25-43, Died 12-18-84
WILLIAM SLADKY, 71, Maintenance,
Emp. 11-28-45, Died 12-7-84
FRANK TADIN, 62, Plant Maintenance,
Emp. 9-2-41, Died 12-3-84
HERBERT UEDELHOFEN, 64, District D,
Emp. 11-17-60, Died 12-31-84
RAYMOND WALSH, 75, District A,
Emp. 6-12-41, Died 12-11-84
ELIZABETH WEST, 86, Congress,
Emp. 9-20-43, Died 12-14-84
THOMAS WHITE, 86, South Section,
Emp. 2-13-23, Died 11-29-84

service anniversaries

40 Years

Herman Goldman, Forest Glen
William Ruddle, North Avenue
Richard Schneider, Bus Maint.
William Taylor, Comm/Power Control

30 Years

George Booker, Comm/Power Control
Booker Byers, 77th Street
Samuel Clark Jr., 69th Street
James Dentley, 77th Street
Vincent Ecter, 77th Street
Magnus Edgar Jr., North Park
William Harris, District C
Richard Lane, Bus Instruction
Timothy Mulvey, Beverly
Irene Peterson, Research & Spec. Proj.
Henry Sams, Limits
Donald Schaffer, Forest Glen
Raphael Wilson, 77th Street

35 Years

James Allen, Douglas/Congress
Robert Crawford, Forest Park
Americo DiGianfillippo, Wilson Shop
Willie Green, Bus Relief Area
Burton Hill, Gen'l Maint.
Andrew Karkoska, Beverly
Robert Lorentz, North Park
Robert Loughran, Comm/Power Control
Langley Lykins, Rail Service
George Millonas, Equipment Engr./Maint.
Duane Reed Jr., Substation Maint.

25 Years

Frank Bailey, 77th Street
Richard Brown, 77th Street
Joseph Browne, Gen'l Maint
John Gorman, North Rail Dist
Joseph Hartl, Comm Design
Thomas Mortell, Douglas/Congress
Donald Prendergast, Truck Shop
Wade Simmons, North Avenue

RETIREMENTS



Parrillo retires

A good time was had by all as evident by this trio celebrating the retirement of Nello Parrillo (center), car servicer at Desplaines terminal. Others enjoying the festive occasion are Joseph LaBellarte (left), day foreman at Desplaines, and Leonard Davenport, unit supervisor, Desplaines. The observance was held at the VFW hall on Ogden for Parrillo who joined CTA January 12, 1957, and retired January 1 after 28 years of service. ▶



Ends 41 years

◀ Members of the Phillips family joined their brother, mail clerk Johnny Phillips, on the occasion of his retirement after 41 years of loyal CTA service. An open house in Phillips' honor was held December 27 in the mail room at the Merchandise Mart. Present for the event were (from left): Mrs. Nancy Carmody, Tom Phillips, Mrs. Marge Murphy, Mrs. Sharon Rich, the honoree's niece; brother-in-law Vince Murphy, and grand-nephews, Steve Rich, 5; and Kevin Rich, 10. Roger Wood, manager, Management Services, noting that the veteran mail clerk is sure to be missed, said, "Johnny was always here, and on time. If he was not here by 6:30 to get the mail down to the dock, you could be sure something was wrong. He loved his job." Numerous friends stopped by the mail room to bid the friendly mail clerk a fond farewell, and to extend best wishes for a happy retirement.

Paul J. Kole

Deputy Executive Director, Finance (Retired)

Paul J. Kole, former deputy executive director, Finance, died suddenly on March 6. At the time of his death, Mr. Kole was a financial consultant to the CTA's pension fund. On February 1, Mr. Kole retired from CTA, closing a 29-year career in financial services which began with the City of Chicago in 1956.

Mr. Kole is survived by his widow, Claire, and five children, and was a resident of West Rogers Park.

The last 13 years of Mr. Kole's brilliant career were spent with CTA as the general operations officer of the Authority's financial matters. He was named deputy executive director, Finance, in 1984. His CTA service included every facet of directing the efforts of departments performing financial functions from accounting and internal auditing to budgeting, and insurance and pensions. The financial well-being of the CTA pension fund, and its excellent return on investments, are large-

ly a result of Mr. Kole's financial expertise.

Previously, Mr. Kole was director of Data Processing, Mayor's Datacenter, and was later named first deputy comptroller, City Comptroller's Office.

Mr. Kole was a graduate of Roosevelt University with a bachelor of science in commerce degree and a master's degree in business administration, a Certified Public Accountant, and treasurer and chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee for the Chicago Heart Association. In 1976 he was the recipient of Chicago Governments' Public Service Award, Executive Category.

On the occasion of Mr. Kole's retirement, CTA Executive Director Bernard J. Ford expressed CTA's appreciation for Mr. Kole's dedicated service: "In my estimation, there has been no better financial manager in the entire transit industry than you have been over the last thirteen years. CTA was



indeed fortunate when you decided to cast your lot with us after leaving the city. I, personally, have felt fortunate to have your advice, your friendship and, I hope, your confidence."

Veteran bus servicer



RETIREMENTS

Charles Brown, bus servicer at Kedzie garage, signs off on a bus after checking it over for the last time in his 37-year career. Brown who began his employment with the Chicago Surface Lines November 5, 1948, retired January 1. The majority of his CTA service was spent at Kedzie garage. Brown's co-workers, joined by day foreman Bill Toomey and other supervisory personnel, presented the veteran bus servicer with a plaque and a gold watch on December 31 in recognition of his years of loyal service. Coffee and rolls were served. Brown is an ordained minister of the gospel and plans to spend his retirement serving the ministry full-time.

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CTA Public Affairs and Operations Planning departments celebrated Valentine's Day by issuing the first all-new CTA Map in more than 15 years.

The new map is printed in full color and features easy-to-read graphics, a new table of service hours and frequency for all bus routes, simplified route descriptions, and additional information about suburban services, travel information, customer assistance, Culture Bus, and other CTA services.

Free maps are available at bus garages, rapid transit terminals and ticket agent booths, Chicago Public Library branches, CTA General Office (7th floor, Merchandise Mart), RTA Consumer Affairs (1st floor, Marina City), Richard J. Daley Civic Center, Water Tower Visitor Information Center and other locations. Riders who would like to receive a free map through the mail may phone 836-7000 or 836-4047.

Previous maps, issued approximately every six months, were updated versions of a CTA map developed during the late 1960's.



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Where's the
"BEEP!"



Line Instructor William Spencer operates the first bus with an electronic farebox installed for testing.

**CTA
INTRODUCES
NEW ELECTRONIC
FAREBOX**

(story on page 2)

Here's
the
"BEEP!"



Dollar bills are inserted on the rider's right (operator's left) and coins are inserted on the rider's left (operator's right). Bills and coins remain separated throughout the entire fare collection and money counting process.

When does a "beep" mean "thank you?" Answer: when the correct fare is recorded by CTA's new electronic farebox. And this should be music to our ears, since our new farebox will help both our passengers and our operators. The most obvious and helpful feature is that the new farebox will accept DOLLAR BILLS. It will also accept coins and keep them separated during the entire revenue handling process.

Although the new farebox still requires the exact fare to be deposited, it provides an easy and convenient means for passengers to pay their fares, and makes it easier for operators to collect the correct fares. Operators will see a digital read-out of the amount of money deposited and will see the dollar bill and coins displayed in an easy-to-check position. Passengers and operators will hear a "beep" to indicate that the correct fare has been paid and to signify a "thank you."

All money is registered and counted within the farebox's electronic computing system. This helps CTA's accounting and auditing process. And, since dollar bills are kept separated from coins throughout the entire revenue process, we save time

and money during the central counting function.

Additional benefits for CTA and its riders are derived from the data collection capabilities which give us limited breakdowns of ridership and allow for the electronic transfer of all farebox-related data to a central



A specially-selected team of dedicated CTA employees cooperated under the direction of project manager Dale Mangelsdorff (above) to develop CTA's electronic farebox program. All were experts on the subject of fare collection and fareboxes, and some had been the most severe critics of earlier versions of the dollar bill accepting farebox.

computer system. The end result is a more convenient means for passengers to ride CTA and an easier system for our operators.

A campaign to introduce the registering farebox began during March, when Community Relations staff members began mailing "Where's the Beep?" electronic farebox flyers to community groups in the Beverly Garage service area. Staff members also have made presentations at community meetings.

Bus operators began passing out flyers during the week of March 21, and on March 25, all Beverly buses were equipped with the new fareboxes and displayed "Here's the Beep" window cards.

The window cards and the flyers give the public easy-to-follow hints on how to use the new farebox and explain how the new farebox benefits the public and allows CTA to provide improved service.

After the 60-day Beverly test, the farebox will be evaluated, and if it performs as well as it did during the earlier test, the farebox system will be installed system-wide on a garage-by-garage basis until the process is completed in the spring of 1986. **cta**

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CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli presents a Certificate of Merit from the City of Berwyn and a CTA Special Recognition Certificate to bus operator Egnechles Brown. Cardilli commented, "CTA really appreciates the heroic act that Mr. Brown performed. It represents what CTA employees are all about — helping people and serving people."

All in a day's work for Egnechles Brown

At 5:15 a.m. on January 9, Egnechles Brown, a 17-year veteran CTA bus operator from Kedzie garage, was making his first eastbound run from North Riverside shopping center on the #25 West Cermak bus route. As he approached a burning building at 6845-47 W. Cermak, in Berwyn, Brown parked his bus and reported the fire by radio to the Control Center.

The business on the first floor of the building was closed at that early hour, but Brown feared that the occupants of the second floor apartments were in grave danger.

When Brown and one of his passengers had received no response after knocking on the street-level entrance to the apartments, they kicked

the door down and ran upstairs to alert the residents. One of the two apartments was vacant, but, as the fire raged across the hall, they told an elderly gentleman in the other apartment to leave the building. The man's wife was immobilized by a cast on her leg, so Brown and his passenger carried the woman to safety. As the fire spread, Brown realized that their quick action saved the lives of the elderly couple.

Commenting on concern for his own safety, Brown said: "I didn't even think about it. There was no time. Something needed to be done, and I did it. After the people were safe and the fire department and police were there, I just continued on my run."

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From the Chairman

Successful program gains support

One of the most successful and worthwhile CTA public service advertising programs has been the search for missing children. During the first two months of the program, photographs of eight missing children were displayed in our buses and trains, and three of the children have been located. The Chicago Police reported that the return of the third missing child was a direct result of our advertising program. Citizens who reported the child's general whereabouts to the police had first seen the child's photograph on CTA car card advertising.

This documented success of the program has yielded another important benefit. **The J. C. Penney Company** has generously offered to pay for the third and fourth printings of Lost Children Car Cards. We applaud J. C. Penney for coming forward and demonstrating concern for the needs of the public. Because we appreciate any and all assistance offered by the commercial sector, we have also begun working with the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, and we hope to gain additional support from their other member organizations.

As CTA employees, you can help through on-the-job vigilance. Study the photographs of the lost children displayed on our vehicles and elsewhere, and observe the children who ride our vehicles. Runaways and lost children often turn to transit as a low-cost means of transportation.

The early success and growth of support for the Lost Children Car Card Program demonstrates that government, business, and individuals can work together to solve serious problems affecting our society.

Michael A. Cardilli

Materials Management hosts 60 AMMS guests



James Whittley (left), supervisor, Stores West, guides a group of AMMS visitors through the racking area of Skokie Warehouse, CTA's newest warehousing facility, where materials are stored in wire baskets or on wooden pallets as high as 26 feet above the floor level.



Ron Glaser (right), superintendent, Quality Assurance, illustrates the importance of metallurgically inspecting a washer used under the head of a traction motor to visitors in the metrology lab at Skokie's Storeroom 42.

Sixty members of the American Materials Management Society (AMMS) toured CTA's Skokie complex on January 15. The tour was hosted by Bill Roman, director, Stores, and Mike Yedinak, material handling specialist. Yedinak and Chuck Ripke, special projects analyst who coordinated the tour, are AMMS members.

The AMMS is a professional society dedicated to providing for the exchange of ideas and information relating to materials management, material handling, storage, production and inventory control. The society arranges about a dozen visits a year to materials facilities, mainly in the metropolitan Chicago area.

The CTA tour began at the Morton House restaurant in Morton Grove, where participants representing over 30 industries watched CTA's multimedia historic presentation, "Once Upon a Timetable." They also were given a slide tour of the Materials Management Department, covering its organization, responsibilities, relationship to other departments, and a brief overview of all Stores facilities.

Then it was a short ride on a new Flyer bus to the Skokie complex, where the visitors were divided into six groups to make it easier to move about and ask questions. A warehouse supervisor and a shop supervisor accompanied each group to explain the functions and



Jim Zazula, (second from left), supervisor, Skokie Warehouse, shows AMMS visitors through Skokie Shops. In the foreground, electrical motor parts on a cart in the repair area await installation of new component parts.

operations of the areas visited.

Of particular interest was Storeroom 42, CTA's newest warehouse facility. Opened in 1980, it has a 26-foot-high clear storage area with narrow-aisle, wire-guided material handling equipment that permits the storage of all 19,630 different rapid transit train parts under one roof. From here the parts are distributed to all rail terminals as well as Skokie Shop.

After the 2-hour tour, participants boarded the bus and returned to Morton House for a technical session. There Frank Venezia, director, Rail Maintenance, Bill Roman and Mike Yedinak answered questions about CTA's maintenance and supply operations.

The CTA tour was different from those previously experienced by AMMS members because every CTA activity is aimed at providing a service, rather than simply making available a supply of goods.

Both AMMS participants and their CTA hosts felt the tour was helpful in detailing the materials handling operations of a major service-oriented organization. Among the comments heard from visitors were: "... a very interesting and informative tour". "... changed my perspective of the CTA". ... and "All your riders should know what it takes to provide service."

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Motorman's son elected Boy Scout governor



Eagle Scout Eric Jones, 18, pauses with Governor James R. Thompson in the governor's Springfield office. Scouts elected the youth Boy Scout Governor for the 25th anniversary of Eagle Scout Citizenship Day, which coincided with the observance of Black History Month and Boy Scout Week.

Thirty-two Illinois Eagle scouts, selected for their extraordinary troop leadership, assembled in Springfield February 5 to participate in the 25th Eagle Scout Citizenship Day.

Elected by the scouts as Boy Scout Governor for the three-day activity was 18-year-old Eric Jones, the son of rapid transit motorman Allen Jones. The youth is a graphic design student at the Chicago Art Institute, and a 1984 alumnus of Percy Julian High School.

Legislators noted that Jones is the first minority in the history of Eagle Scout Citizenship Day to be elected its governor.

The annual activity coincided with the observance of Black History Month as well as the 75th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America. BSA was founded by newspaper publisher W. D. Boyce, and chartered in New York on February 2, 1910.

Jones won the governor's seat, the only elected post for Eagle Scout Citizenship Day, following a campaign where he was pitted against five other scouts. Those vying for the position were required to write speeches, which they delivered before their peers for consideration.

Jones, one of three scouts representing the Chicago area, was elected Boy Scout Governor in a final runoff against three other scouts. Other Eagle Scout Citizenship Day government officers were appointed.

Reflecting on his experience, Jones said, "Eagle Scout Citizenship Day enabled me to get a better understanding of what government is really all about. It's amazing how it can be very interesting, and at the same time boring."

In addition to being at Governor Thompson's side throughout the experience, Jones, along with other scouts, was a special gallery guest as the governor delivered his "State of the State" address.

Besides special certificates and other mementoes he received to commemorate the day he was elected Boy Scout Governor, Eric Jones returned to Chicago when the day ended in a style befitting a chief executive of state — aboard the governor's private jet.

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Commendation Corner

James Rivers (Limits garage) was called "one of your best drivers" by Maxine Bernard, of Marine Drive, who often rides his No. 156 LaSalle bus. "I have never encountered a more pleasant and agreeable driver. He always has a nice word for his passengers, along with a smile. Most of the passengers know him by name, and he knows theirs! I worked as a flight attendant for a number of years, so I realize what it takes to deal with the public. People are sometimes overbearing, to say the least. But he never loses his temper, is never cross, upset or rude to anyone. He is always a perfect gentleman, doing his best to serve his passengers."



Lee Lampley (77th Street garage) was complimented by Sonya Guttman, of South Hyde Park Boulevard, for his courtesy on a No. 6 Jeffery Express bus. "If riding the CTA can ever be considered pleasant, a trip on his bus comes close. He is a safe, careful, considerate and expert driver. He actually drives as though his passengers are people, and not a load of moldy potatoes he can't wait to dump. He is unfailingly good-humored, polite and cheerful. It is a pleasure to board his bus and have him actually smile and say, 'Good morning.' If awards are given for consistently good and pleasant service, he should win them every month."

Adolph Marth (Forest Glen garage) was thanked by Carl Rothbauer, of North Paulina Street, for his thoughtfulness as operator of a No. 81 Lawrence bus. "Last night this man held his bus for me while I ran with two shopping bags on icy sidewalks until I got inside. This alone is exceptional. I might have just heartily thanked him, as I did, but I noticed he greeted each passenger with a 'Good evening,' and cautioned people alighting to 'Watch out for the ice.' I know you get enough negative letters, as I am a retired postal service employee. I hope that this excellent person is given an award of some kind."

Sylvester Neal Jr. (77th Street garage) was commended for "taking the extra time to do his job well" on a No. 6 Jeffery Express bus by Steven Lestition, of East Hyde Park Boulevard. "It was a bitterly cold night, and for some reason the southbound bus was already filled by the time it reached Randolph. I and other commuters were most grateful that the driver encouraged the other passengers to move to the rear and make every inch of space available for new passengers. The driver took the whole situation with the best of humor. He drove with care and skill, and got us to our destinations safely and expediently."

Bobby Brown (North Park garage) won the respect of Mary O'Tousa, of Belden Avenue, for his help as operator of a No. 151 Sheridan bus. "My wallet was stolen from my purse. Upon discovering this, I spoke up and requested its return. Mr. Brown immediately stopped the bus and phoned in for a squad car. The wallet was then dropped on the floor and recovered. I firmly believe that without Mr. Brown's prompt intervention, the wallet would not have been dropped. This is the first time I have been a crime victim. While I regret the incident, I feel fortunate that Mr. Brown was the driver when it occurred."

James Kolstad (Beverly garage) was appreciated by Charles Gronski, of West 60th Street, for the way he handled his No. 52A South Kedzie bus. "He had a kind word of greeting for most of his boarding passengers, especially senior citizens. As he approached each stop, he clearly announced the street, even if no passengers were getting on or off. This driver answered questions posed by passengers who were confused about the change on the Kedzie run during rush hours, now that buses go all the way to Archer. His driving skill matched his courtesy. A training film with him in action would be helpful to other CTA drivers."

William Ward (Limits garage) was praised by Vera Anderson, of North Newland Avenue. "I was riding a No. 145 (Wilson/Michigan) bus, sitting on the long seat in front. It was a cold day, and the window behind my back was flapping slightly, letting in chilly breezes. I felt cold, so I changed to the next seat. To my surprise, the driver stopped the bus at the next stop sign, jumped out, adjusted the window to shut tight, and jumped back into the bus, all in a matter of seconds. I was amazed, since I didn't ask him to do it. I noticed he was courteous, not only to me, but to everyone else on that bus. That ride was a pleasure."

Chester Robertson (Archer garage) is considered "a dedicated employee" by Janette Gay, who rides his No. 99 Stevenson Express bus regularly to her job at the Chicago Sun-Times. "I take the 8 a.m. bus from Archer and Harlem to State and Kinzie. I have used your service for many years, but getting to work since riding this bus has been a delight. I've never before seen such a pleasant, polite and considerate driver. He says 'Good morning' with a smile, waits that extra second on passengers running to catch the bus, gets his passengers downtown by 9 a.m., and always says 'Have a good day.'"

Kudos for CTA lost and found

A rider who left her briefcase on a No. 125 Water Tower Express bus received prompt, courteous assistance from CTA telephone operator Marilyn Borg, bus operator Ronald Brown who turned in the briefcase, and clerk Ira Brown who notified her of the recovery. The following is the rider's note of appreciation.

Just a quick note to thank the really nice, helpful CTA people who helped me retrieve my briefcase last night.

To tell the truth, after I got off the 125 bus and realized I'd left my briefcase, I was totally depressed. I didn't think I'd ever get it back — or at least I would have to spend hours getting through the giant CTA bureaucracy.

***"Please give my thanks
and warm wishes to
the two people who
helped me . . ."***

What a pleasant surprise and a delight to be proved wrong.

Please give my thanks and warm wishes to the two people who helped me: The woman who answered your 24-hour lost and found number and stayed with me until she connected me with the right garage — the one where my bus had gone. She was very pleasant and sympathetic. Also thank the man at the garage who found my briefcase and had been trying to reach me before I got home.

I made a quick trip to the Clark street garage to pick it up from him. Within an hour and a half after I lost it, I had my briefcase back.

I think your 24-hour lost and found service is an excellent public service idea. I certainly appreciated it last night.

Sincerely,

Nancy S. Bishop

THANKS for a job well done

*Employees who have received
commendations from the public.*

Rosa Alfaro, Forest Glen
Lee Aschoff, North Park

Margaret Bernasko, 77th Street
Deidre Berry, Jefferson Park
William Bibbs, 77th Street
Thomas Bonner, North Park
George Bowen Jr., North Avenue
Alfred Bowman, Limits
Cornell Brown, 77th Street
Mosea Buchanan, 77th Street
James Bush, 69th Street
Robert Byrd, North Park

Jean Cage, North Park
Eugene Caldwell, North Park
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Lawrence Carter, 77th Street
Charles Clayton, 77th Street
Patricia Cobb, North Park
Dewitt Coleman, Archer
George Collins, Forest Glen
Nilda Colorado, North Park
Arthur Colyette, District A
Roosevelt Conklin, Archer
Robert Cook, North Park
Marvin Covington, Limits
Daniel Cox, Howard/Kimball

Earmon Davis, Limits
Thomas Davis, Special Services
Arthur DeLuna, North Avenue
Theonia Dunn, Archer
Elizabeth Duren, North Avenue

Jesse Ellis, Beverly

Nora Flynn-Mitchner, Special Services
William Foster, General Maintenance

Joseph Gale, Forest Glen
George Gavrilos, North Park
Daniel Glover, Kedzie
Paul Gonsiewski, Kedzie
Carmelo Gonzalez, North Park
Dorothy Graham, Limits

August Hallmann, Forest Glen
Sarah Hendersson, Kedzie
Jerome Holmes, North Park
John Hopkins, 77th Street
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Willie James, North Park
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Geru Martin, Forest Park
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Flora McClure, 69th Street
Juan Montes, North Park
Michael Moore, District B

Dianna Owens, Forest Glen
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Gloria Phillips, 69th Street
Nadine Polk, Limits
Antonio Poulos, Jefferson Park
Michael Powell, Howard/Kimball
Gwendolyn Preston, West Section
Herberto Pulgar, North Avenue

Ruben Quiles, Jefferson Park

Billy Ragsdale, 77th Street
Jose Ramos, Archer
Clyde Randolph, 69th Street
Merton Reeder, North Park
Franciscus Remeus, North Park
Kenneth Richards, Limits
Alexander Robertson, District D
Toval Rolston, Forest Park

Rena Sammon, Douglas/Congress
John Smith, 77th Street
Ruth Smith, Special Services
Anna Stewart, North Avenue
Mitchell Szalwa, Forest Glen

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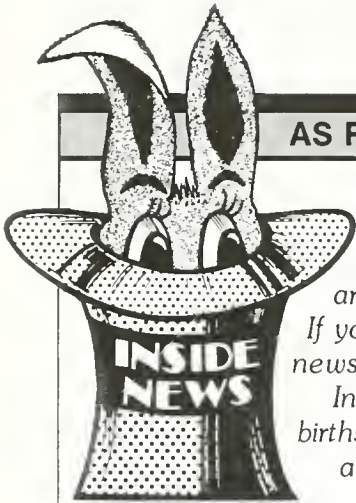
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Donald Woods, Limits
Gus Wright, Beverly
Bartholomew Wurtzebach, Howard/Kimball

Jacques Yezeguielian, North Avenue
Charles Young, Jefferson Park

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY



Welcome to Inside News. This column is devoted to vignettes of special interest to you and about CTA employees. Volunteers from each work location are being sought to help make this one of the most-read features of Transit News. If you're interested in reporting the many amusing experiences and other interesting news tidbits of your coworkers, please contact our editor.

Inside News will run the gamut of outstanding accomplishments, projects, weddings, births, graduations, trips, and a variety of other items which might be of interest to you and your co-workers. The only restrictions will be available space, and good taste.

MEET YOUR REPORTER

HELLO, FELLOW CO-WORKERS! I am your new volunteer Inside News Reporter for the Transit News at **69th Street Garage**. If you have any newsworthy items that you care to share, please look me up. Any idea or suggestion to help me keep 69th Street in the news will be appreciated.

Sincerely,
**Operator Ellie Head,
#7871**



Ellie Head

69th Street

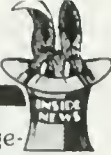
March Birthdays — Happy Birthday To You! THEODAS SMITH, BESSIE HARRISON, NELSON BAILEY, ROBERT SEVIER, JAMES PERKINS, BENNIE BANKS, DAVID GORDON, CLEOPHIA PENDLETON, WILLIAM WADE Jr., ROBERT CROCKETT Jr., CLINTON LEWIS, LARRY POLK, JUDY BROWN, LEWIS BURTON Jr., HAROLD CLEMONS, LAWRENCE RILEY, VIOLA WATKINS, DOROTHY BROOKINS, RONALD WHEATLEY, EDWARD WILSON, CARL MATHIS, WILLIAM DRYE, LON JONES, ERNEST DeFORNEAU Jr., FLENARD PORTER, LINDA GREEN, DORIS ATWATER, JIMMIE EVANS, WILL TAYLOR, ROSETTA JONES, ALONZO CLAYBON, MARY HAYNES, LELA STEELE, FRANCES ARNOLD, WILLIE SMITH, JOSEPH BARRIOS, HARRY GREEN, JEREMIAH BALLARD, CALVIN ARMSTRONG, RICHARD MASSEY, JOHN SINGLETON Jr., JIMMIE HILL, CANNIE DAVISON, CAROL REED, GREGORY BOYD, SAMUEL CALDWELL, SYLVESTER MOORE, RUTH EWIN, MARY WARE, MARVIN YOUNG, JOSEPH BARBEE . . .

SPECIAL EVENTS On February 13, 1985, 69th Street hosted a candlelight memorial service for HELEN RICHARD, slain CTA driver. The ceremony was sponsored by the RICHARD FAMILY, CTA, and the Global Committee Commemorating King's Day. A plaque bearing the image of Helen Richard was presented to 69th, honoring Ms. Richard as an outstanding bus driver who died in the line of duty. The plaque will remain at 69th Street Garage. It is the first such commemoration in the history of the CTA . . . Welcome back to DANIEL SERRITELLA (formerly #9027), who just recuperated from surgery at Holy Cross Hospital. Mr. Serritella is a 69th Street retiree since January 1983 . . . Get well soon to VINCENT JOBSON, #5342, who is recuperating from back surgery in Augustana Hospital . . . ROSA WARREN, #6365, is at home recuperating after an accident February 15. Hurry back, Rosa! . . . Operator GEORGIA GUYTON, #2517, was seen walking around with a cast on her left arm. Poor Georgia! . . . L. WEATHERSBY, #4142, Team #5 captain for the ES/PP program, is glad to be back to work. Weathersby had been off since December 3 after an injury to his right hand and leg. We're happy he's back too . . . A speedy recovery goes out to OTIS SCURLOCK, #4684, who has been off since January 22 with an injury to his left wrist . . . Operator ISAIAH TAYLOR, #3445, is happy to be back after two weeks off sick. He returned March 5 . . . Our condolences to Operator LINDA BELLAMY in the death of her sister . . . Mouth to Mouth: Who did this roving reporter spot kissing in the back of the station on February 20, 1985? . . . Which operators do I see hugging all the time? . . . Who was seen driving around on the Special Services bus on a temporary



Brandon R. Wright/Norwood

assignment? Answers in next month's issue . . . Two new bouncing arrivals for 69th Street parents: BRANDON RAMERRO WRIGHT/NORWOOD, born February 6, 1985 to TONYA R. NORWOOD and CARL WRIGHT. Little Brandon weighed in at 6 pounds 10½ ounces. RODERICK BRANDON ELSTON was born December 17, 1984 at University of Illinois



Hospital. Proud dad JESSE ELSTON says he weighed in at 7 pounds 5½ ounces. Congratulations to all! . . . Welcome back to 69th Street Garage Superintendent JOSEPH STEINBACK, who's sporting a tan these days. Mr. Steinback enjoyed a three-week vacation traveling all over the Florida Gulf, staying with friends in their \$300,000-condo, and sailing every day. If you ever travel in the southern states, look for the Cracker Barrel Restaurant. That's good eating, states Mr. Steinback. My, some people get all the breaks! . . . Congratulations to VERNELL ROBERTS, #6089, on his engagement. Wedding date will be set later . . . EASTER THOUGHT: Some people have funny habits, thinking Easter is a rabbit. Happy Easter from 69th Street.



Roderick B. Elston

- Ellie Head

North Park

Well, Inside News is back, along with those bits and pieces of news concerning some or all of us here at North Park . . . Welcome to our new Garage Superintendent, SAM SMITH, along with congratulations to newly-appointed Assistant Superintendent SY MOTEN . . . Credit Union member DUSTY WRIGHT's wife, CAROL, set a course record for running time in competition recently, and is now rated 19th in the country by *Ultra Runners* magazine . . . Birthdays: MARY WALLACE (CTA's first female operator) and son, MICKEY; MICHAEL M. FLORES, C. DIAL; BARB WILLIAMS, now at Limits; FLORINDA ORCASITAS, Archer; and MAGGIE CHITTO . . . Sick recently and now back to work is EULA JARRETT . . . VICKY NESBIT has been discharged from the hospital . . . Has Assistant Superintendent KENNY CZACHOWSKI, who recently bowled in the Peterson Classic tournament, mentioned a score yet? . . . Admit it, folks, our day janitor, ROBERT DENNIS, definitely keeps the station clean! . . . LEONARD LLOYD (Sheridan Road), our "Prince" lookalike: Do you ever get tired of those autograph requests? . . . Sure, 8 years without a miss is an accomplishment, and more so when you live about one-half mile from Wisconsin's state line, as does GENUEL ALMODOVAR. Can he make 10? . . . DORTHY M. SMITH and PEARLIE WILLIAMS, on North Park's committee, sponsored a gala Christmas affair on Saturday, December 22, 1984, at the elegant Hyatt Regency, 151 W. Wacker, in the Toronto Ballroom 'A'. Our honored guest was president of Local 241, ELCOSIE GRESHAM, and several members of his family. Hope that everyone who missed it last year attends this year!

-Michael M. Flores

Materials Management

We are happy that the Transit News staff has again started the "Inside News" section. Employees, don't be bashful--see or call your reporters with items for the magazine. Field employees of Materials Management, don't forget, we want to hear from you too . . . The Stores Section of Materials Management recently hosted a tour of our Skokie

warehouse installation for the American Material Management Society. These "state-of-the-art" tours are an effort by the Society to keep its members informed on new warehouse and distribution facilities in existence in the Chicago metropolitan area. The group found our narrow-aisle tri-loader wire-guided system of particular interest . . . On February 19, procurement engineers BOB KNUDSEN (electrical) and BERNIE KAZLAUSKAS (chemical) hosted an engineer's coffee to celebrate National Engineers Week, February 17-23. The theme was Engineers: Turning ideas into reality. Twenty-four of the Authority's staff attended the event . . . MARY GUEDIGUIAN, daughter of procurement engineer ZAVEN and KAREN GUEDIGUIAN, welcomed baby SUSAN into this world on October 5 . . . RUTH MARIE RIPKE, referred to as "Baby Ruth", daughter of CHUCK, special projects analyst, and REYNE, was born August 30. Baby Ruth has two sisters and a brother.



"Baby Ruth" Ripke

Congratulations to our new mommies and daddies . . . We have enough cats in Materials Management to produce our own cast of characters for T. S. Eliot's Broadway play CATS: Toby and Cady (RUTHANN MILES), Casey (LORI MUHLING), Nick and Nora and Tiki (NANCY SHOLDICE), and Snook-Snook (DENISE CALHOUN). Meow! . . . BILLIE MITCHELL, buyer, and her husband, JUDSON, recently returned from a Caribbean cruise to Nassau and Freeport. Afterwards they spent four days in Orlando. Billie said she "... had a lovely time and hated to leave the 82 degree temperatures and sun." . . . CAROL GRIETO, executive secretary, is vacationing in the beautiful aloha state, Hawaii . . . DOROTHY HARMON, salvage control clerk, visited her first grandson, DARRELL II, born on December 1. His daddy, DARRELL I, is an airman with the U.S. Navy and is stationed in Hayward, California . . . ADELE MONSON, graphic information com-

poser, Forms/Records and Procedures section, has another granddaughter. JACQUELINE RENE was born September 7. Her daddy is JIM ARNOUX, electrical worker, Skokie Shops. Congratulations... JIM MADDEN, supervisor, Disbursements and Records, Insurance department, is home recuperating from open heart surgery. Jim wishes to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their



Jacqueline Rene Arnoux

prayers and get well wishes. Hurry back, Jim . . . JOE FILEC's mother passed away after a long illness. All of us



extend our sympathy to Joe and his family. Joe works in Financial Services . . . It was good to hear from retirees MARY CLARKE (supervisor, Statistical Section, Training/Accident Prevention), MARY STOMNER (former executive secretary, Public Affairs Department), and RALPH REGNIER (former chauffeur to Chairman GEORGE L. DeMENT). All of them want to be remembered to their friends. They all agree, there's nothing better than retirement! We wish them continued good health and happiness . . . PHYLLIS SHIELDS, payroll relief clerk, was feted at a delicious luncheon at the M&M Club. Phyllis and her husband, VINCE, will be moving to sunny Florida where they will set up housekeeping. We wish them a long and happy retirement. We'll all miss you.

-Arlene Zittman

Police Liaison

Congratulations to JOHN (Capital Development) and KATHLEEN TROTTA, proud parents of a "Valentine Baby," KATHLEEN ROSE, who weighed in at 6 pounds 4 ounces . . . Battle of the Bulge! ROBERT O'CONNOR has shed 26 pounds in 6 weeks! Congratulations!

-Carol Musto

Internal Audit

JOE BRZEGOWY received a surprise "tax-exemption" right before Christmas, when he won a Cabbage Patch baby boy. Joe had the winning ticket in Walgreen's. At last count he had at least 50 congratulations cards on his new bundle. Joe's wife said the new addition was not going to change their life style at all . . . Bachelor of the Month will be CHET MANGALIK, who sent his wife, SAROJ (Datacenter), to India for five weeks. Anyone wishing to apply for the job of cleaning and cooking for him during this time, please call Ext. 4642 . . . Welcome back to JOE CECALA of Field Review after a long six-week leave due to illness. He looks great . . . MARCELO REYES became a proud grandfather again when his daughter gave birth to a 10 pound baby girl. We asked Marcelo to tell us something about the baby, REYNA. He said, "Well, she's a girl." Thanks, Marcello. Congratulations too.

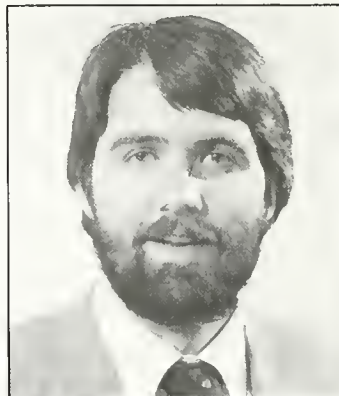
-Joyce Petrich



Joseph Austin King

KAREN WILSON, agent controller in the Control Center, gave birth to a son, Joseph Austin King, on September 11, in St. Joseph Hospital. Joseph weighed nine pounds, four ounces at birth. His father, Gregory N. King, currently works for the New York Power Authority and will join his family this December. Joseph has a 13-year-old sister, Evelyn Kathleen.

Mulqueeny in 'Best of Times'



Jim Mulqueeny

The singing talent of Jim Mulqueeny, a planner with Operations Planning, was evident in 15 of the 37 segments of the Oak Park Ascension Church stage production of "The Best of Times" which closed February 16.

The show offered theatergoers a musical entertainment variety which included the best of popular, swing, and rock and roll including music from the '50's era, and country gospel.

Mulqueeny is a 1979 Harvard graduate where he earned a degree in transportation economics and was active in drama. He participated in three college drama club productions and one experimental theater. The native Chicagoan also participated in "Loop Alive" 1982, and '83.

Look alike

Rapid transit motorman Antonio G. Poulos of O'Hare terminal, a 22-year CTA employee, and grandson George Zurales, show off look-alike uniforms. The miniature motorman's outfit was made by Mrs. Poulos, the toddler's grandmother.



Retirement leisure



This sextet of familiar faces from various CTA locations enjoys the benefits of CTA retirement in the Florida sun. They are (from left) Ted Peitrus, Tom Smith, Russ Shanklin, Earl Larson, Bud Rosendahl, and Joe Repplinger.

Maintenance employees honored on 'A Day in CTA'



"A Day in CTA" honorees and host tour Control Center. Pictured are host David Perez (left), performance control analyst, Personnel Services, Engineering and Maintenance; James Van Grimbergen and Terry Howe, both Skokie Shops electricians; Gerald Poces, South Shops warehouse worker; and Dwyer Williams, Washington garage bus servicer. They listen as bus controller Roy Cameron (in striped shirt) explains the Control Center's bus operations.

Two Skokie Shop electricians who design and construct testing devices to simulate train car operations for improving servicing quality, and two bus garage maintenance workers whose quick actions put out fires in their respective garages, were honored with "A Day in CTA."

Terry Howe and James Van Grimbergen, both Skokie Shops electrical journeymen, design and build various test devices which enable shop crews to simulate car operations. Through their efforts, they help provide highest quality rebuilt parts for use on rapid transit cars, said R. M. Schneider, manager, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance.

Dwyer Williams, Washington garage bus servicer, saw smoke and flames coming from a bus in the garage. He quickly used a bus fire extinguisher to bring the fire under control and called for assistance. His actions averted a critical situation, said Schneider.

Gerald Poces, South Shops warehouse worker, saw a fire on the roof of the garage's degreasing room. He called to fellow employees to sum-



Four honorees receive "A Day in CTA" certificates from R. M. Schneider (seated), manager, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance. Standing are (from left) Frank Venezia, director, Rail Maintenance, Skokie Shop; honorees Poces, Williams, Van Grimbergen, and Howe; and Terry McGuigan, director, Bus Maintenance, South Shops.

mon the Chicago Fire Department and used a nearby water hose to fight the blaze.

Chicago firefighters soon arrived on the scene and Poces provided

assistance to them as they quelled the blaze.

The fire did only minor damage, thanks to the alertness of Poces, Schneider said.

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Chicago Public Library Cultural Center

"Dreamweaver," an exhibition of wearable art and small-scale sculpture is now in the West Gallery of the Chicago Public Library, 78 East Washington Street. The exhibit continues through May 13. For weekly updated listings of events, dial F-I-N-E A-R-T (346-3278).

Columbia College

Columbia College will hold the final curtain call for its musical production of Godspell with "Dionisio" on Mothers Day, May 12, at the College theater, 62 East 11th Street. Students and senior citizens, \$2. The show begins at 7 p.m.

Columbia College Museum of Contemporary Photography offers selections from the Chicago Photographers Project Print Study Room for the discriminating photo enthusiast.

This exhibit of excellent selections which ends May 4 features the work of 40 Chicago area photographers.

Photography department faculty member Edward West also exhibits silver prints through May 4. No admission fees are required. Call 663-9462 for information.

Field Museum of Natural History

"The Art of Cameroon" in Western Africa is an art of royalty and splendor... of wealth and social status... Come see the treasures of the grassfield kings and their secret societies... carved, in beaded human figures, mysterious ceremonial masks and thrones. See the royal animals, leopards and elephants in their beaded resplendence. Discover who hides behind the sacred dance masks of the Cameroon kingdoms! Special free exhibit. Grand Opening March 9, 1985! 2nd Fl. Through June 16 only.

Especially for Children and Families — Ever touch a shooting star or pet a mounted polar bear? Field

Your calendar highlights are needed

After Hours will continue to feature a long-range calendar of educational and cultural events for Transit News readers.

We encourage you to share your long range plans with us and make the employee publication a one-stop shopping tour. We welcome information on your not-for-profit activities, from the theater to the museum or classroom.

Museum's "Place for Wonder" allows youngsters of all ages to do these things and more. Listen to the sounds of seashells; see imprints of fossilized prehistoric plants and animals; and touch the feathers of area birds. Volunteers are on hand to guide exploration; exhibit is braille-equipped. 1st Fl. Free with museum admission. Call 922-9410 for hours.

Enter the "Pawnee Earth Lodge" and travel back through time. Visitors to this 38-foot wide replica of an 1850 dwelling sit on buffalo robes, hear exciting tales of Indian lore, and handle items of Pawnee life — rattles, saddles, bows and arrows. Hours: Mon-Fri 1 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m., 1:45 p.m.; Sun Open House 1-3 p.m. 2nd Fl. Free with museum admission.

Weekend Passport Programs — Saturdays and Sundays throughout the year: Here's a fun way to delve into natural history — from archaic Egyptian mummies to mounted animals so life-like, it's hard to believe they're not alive! Visitors are taken inside the world of natural history at Field Museum through tours, demonstrations, slide lectures and films related to Museum exhibits and designed for families and adults. Check the entrances for exact information on each weekend's listings.

"Plants of the World" Exhibit — Be amazed by the exquisite detail, vibrancy of color and superb craftsmanship of the world's largest collection of plant models. Having taken over 60 years to hand-craft (now a lost art form), the models give a unique three-dimensional look at a variety of familiar and rare plants and flowers — from algae to orchids. Third Fl.

Service anniversaries in March

35 Years

Marie Coari, Payroll Accounting
Alfred Haas, South Shops
Arthur Joe, Schedules
Charles Myers, Desplaines Maint.
Albert Rakestraw, Ashland Terminal
Paul Shackley, Jefferson Park
Margaret Walker, Accounting

30 Years

Howard Means, Special Services
Calvin Pollard, Civil Engineering
Billy Small, North Park

25 Years

Arthur Bennett, Training Center
Terry Culkin, South Shops
Peter Fallest, South Shops
Delbert Martz, Jefferson Park
George Matejovsky, Elec. Engr.
James Person, General Maint.
Mary Raftery, North Section
Patrick Soden, 54th Maint.

March Pensioners

SAM CATANZARO, Rail Janitor,
 Madison/Wabash, Emp. 5-17-71
VINCENT ECTER, Collector,
 77th Street, Emp. 2-11-54
GERALD FARRELL, Bus Operator,
 Forest Glen, Emp. 2-10-47
ROBERT FLOWERS, Supt., Qual. Cont.,
 Skokie Shop, Emp. 1-10-49
WILLIAM GREER, Collector,
 77th Street, Emp. 6-26-51
DOROTHY HOLLAND, Typist I,
 Safety Assurance, Emp. 3-25-74
MARIANO IMBRAGUGLIO, Engr. Asst.,
 Fac. Engr. & Maint., Emp. 3-24-48
LEWIS KAZDA, Bus Operator,
 Forest Glen, Emp. 8-5-49
ALBERT KEMNITZ, Motorman,
 West Section, Emp. 11-3-58
FRANK KOSTRZEWA Jr., Bus Operator,
 Forest Glen, Emp. 2-14-55
JOSEPH LONGO, Motorman,
 Forest Park, Emp. 12-4-61
ORVAN LYLES, Bus Operator,
 Archer, Emp. 12-9-57

JOSEPH MOTYKA, Bus Operator,
 Forest Glen, Emp. 1-29-46
EDWARD POTTER, Bus Repairer,
 77th Street, Emp. 3-21-57
WILLIAM ROBINSON, Money Handler I,
 Central Counting, Emp. 10-9-61
CURLEY RUSSELL, Bus Operator,
 77th Street, Emp. 8-11-55
HENRY SIUBA, Meisel Pressman,
 Equip. Engr. & Maint., Emp. 2-5-51
HARVEY SMITH, Car Servicer,
 Rosemont, Emp. 11-7-57
CHARLEY STOVES, Bus Operator,
 77th Street, Emp. 2-3-72
WILLIE WALTON Jr., Serv. Trk. Chauff.,
 West Shops, Emp. 10-22-53
STEVEN ZELLNER, Signal Foreman,
 West Shops, Emp. 6-24-57

Disability Retirements

WILLIAM FISHER, Clerk,
 77th Street, Emp. 4-23-59
HARRY MURAWSKI, Bus Repairer,
 Equip. Engr. & Maint., Emp. 4-14-71
EDIL SANCHEZ, Bus Operator,
 North Park, Emp. 1-28-74



A birthday celebration

Joseph Vandover (center, seated), a former 69th Street bus operator, and a CTA retiree for 25 years, celebrated his 90th birthday recently with his nine children. Members of the family are (seated from left) Joseph, Jr., Phoenix, Arizona, and Tom, of Perry Hall, Maryland. Standing (from left) Betty Luback, Chicago Heights; Dorothy Barron, Markham; Helen Mennis, East Hazel Crest; Margaret Diebel, Wood Dale; Robert, Oak Forest, Ceil Klevowski, Schamburg, and James, of Crete. The sons and daughters treated their father to supper, and the following day held a picnic. The family includes 33 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Mrs. Barron, with whom Vandover lives, said her father had 34 years of service when he retired. He began his transit career with the Chicago Surface Lines and was one of the first streetcar motormen to switch to buses.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN H. AMBLER, 89, Way & Struts.,
 Emp. 1-1-16, Died 1-21-85
JOSEPH BARTA, 88, Kedzie,
 Emp. 10-28-19, Died 12-25-84
STANLEY E. BAST, 83, West Section,
 Emp. 9-9-21, Died 1-28-85
MORRIS R. BURDA, 60, West Section,
 Emp. 8-18-52, Died 1-9-85
JOSEPH R. BUTKUS, 68, Maintenance,
 Emp. 6-8-45, Died 1-22-85
ARTHUR R. CALDER, 68, Transportation,
 Emp. 8-19-41, Died 1-11-85
ARTHUR J. CLAUSSEN, 81, North Avenue,
 Emp. 3-10-34, Died 1-10-85
ANTHONY J. DIELLE, 73, 77th Street,
 Emp. 4-6-42, Died 1-8-85
ARTHUR DIXON, 91, Electrical,
 Emp. 4-3-24, Died 1-23-85
MARY G. DRISCOLL, 81, South Section,
 Emp. 6-24-29, Died 1-14-85

MARY E. EVERDING, 99, West Section,
 Emp. 8-12-35, Died 1-30-85
SALVATORE J. GARRO, 71, Claims,
 Emp. 1-28-35, Died 1-10-85
GIUSEPPE GIAMPIETRO, 80, Track,
 Emp. 5-4-45, Died 12-18-84
JACK M. HILLMAN, 80, Special Invest.,
 Emp. 7-10-29, Died 1-1-85
JOHN J. HOWE, 90, 77th Street,
 Emp. 7-14-27, Died 1-15-85
HOWARD H. JOHNSON, 67, Forest Glen,
 Emp. 8-30-47, Died 1-29-85
JOSEPH KERESZTURI, 81, South Shops,
 Emp. 5-7-24, Died 11-5-84
GEORGE C. KUEHN, 81, Transportation,
 Emp. 12-16-26, Died 1-25-85
RALPH W. LINDLEY, 77, 77th Street,
 Emp. 1-4-36, Died 1-16-85
GEORGE E. LYONS, 76, CTA Police,
 Emp. 11-24-41, Died 1-8-85

WILLIAM McWALTER, 84, 61st Street,
 Emp. 6-13-25, Died 1-27-85
JOSEPH E. MOORE, 68, Lawndale,
 Emp. 9-17-62, Died 1-24-85
THOMAS MURPHY, 96, Kedzie,
 Emp. 2-9-10, Died 1-23-85
BRUNO PAPSIS, 89, South Shops,
 Emp. 12-20-18, Died 1-17-85
JOSEPH L. SIWEK, 71, South Shops,
 Emp. 7-2-46, Died 1-22-85
JOHN J. STICH, 74, North Avenue,
 Emp. 12-5-40, Died 1-31-85
THOMAS E. THACKER, 88, South Shops,
 Emp. 2-17-36, Died 1-27-85
DAVID P. TOBIN, 80, West Section,
 Emp. 12-19-23, Died 1-13-85
SAM TRIFUNOV, 83, Track,
 Emp. 10-28-30, Died 1-22-85
PETER J. WEST, 78, Electrical,
 Emp. 3-5-26, Died 1-10-85

RETIREMENT



■ Special Services family fetes a special operator



Isaac Beal, director, Special Services, presents a plaque to Sam Thomas which reads, in part, "K-362, 10-7" (run number, out of service).

January 31, retirement eve for Sam Thomas, was not to be your ordinary "10-7" at Washington garage.

Thomas made his final run and returned to the Special Services garage shortly after noon, where he found some 50 co-workers gathered for a surprise party. The fest included all of the gourmet treats made especially to please Thomas' palate.

"We really put one over on him," said Isaac Beal, director of Special Services. He said Thomas was reduced to tears. "It was a catered affair, but so many people brought food items from home which they knew Sam liked. He really didn't know what to think about the way everybody

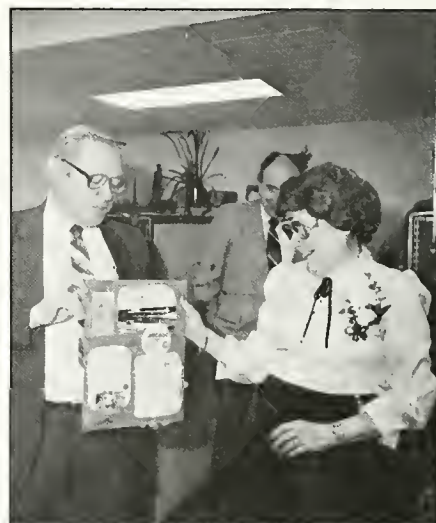
turned out to wish him the best for the future," said Beal.

TV newsmen, on the scene for another story, recorded footage on the farewell party, and the next day Sam's retirement send-off was on the lighter side of the WMAQ-TV evening news.

The Washington Special Services "family" presented Thomas with a commemorative plaque for his years of CTA service. Its bottom line read, "K-362, 10-7" (run number, out of service).

Not only was Sam Thomas a favorite at Washington garage, but he was well-liked by his riders. "Since his February 1 retirement, one lady who always rode with Sam told me that his

■ Toronto bound



Dorothy Holland, typist I, Safety Performance Analysis, received a plaque created by Tom Boyle, manager, Safety, detailing highlights of her 11-year CTA career.

A farewell party honoring Ms. Holland's March 1 retirement was held in the Safety department office on February 26, and eighty of her friends and co-workers attended. Other gifts included a gold ring set with diamonds and onyx, a gold chain bracelet, a cash gift and a quart of Canadian Club "for medicinal purposes only."

Following her retirement she planned to move to the Toronto area in Canada. She has two daughters, a son, and four grandchildren, all living in Canada.

kindness and patience was really a life-saver to her," said Beal.

Beal recalled that when he himself joined CTA in 1959, Thomas was already working at 69th Street garage, where Isaac Beal was later to become assistant superintendent. "It was Thomas who encouraged me to get into management even though he remained a bus operator.

"I will always remember the words of encouragement which he had for me and many others. I think many of us owe Sam a lot," said Beal.

Sam Thomas and his wife plan to move to the warmer climes of Memphis, his native home.

■ A Family Celebration



Willie B. Scott, superintendent, Traffic Analysis, closed out 33 years of service with CTA at a retirement luncheon January 16 in the M & M Club, where he was honored by Norman Oswald, director, Schedules, and Ernest Sawyer, Deputy Executive Director, Planning and Development. Flanking Willie and his wife, Phyllis, are daughters Michelle Howard (second from left) and Cynthia Blue, and in front are grandchildren Justin and Lynette Howard. At left is Ron Wells, and on the right, Roslyn Bufford, both family friends.

■ Service Memento

Payroll clerk Viola Meyer accepts a memento of her 29 years of CTA service from Gerald Kurowski, payroll supervisor, Financial Services, as John Cannon (left), superintendent, Account Operations, and Bryant Jakubowski (right), unit supervisor, look on. Ms Meyer retired February 1 following an open house held in her honor in the CTA board room at the Merchandise Mart. Her plans for the future may include moving to a warmer climate.



■ 37-year career



Mariano (Marty) Imbraguglio, senior engineering assistant in the Building and Wiring section of the Facilities Engineering and Maintenance department, enjoys one of his retirement gifts, a plaque created by Tom Boyle, manager, Safety department, featuring highlights of his career. Patrick Murphy (left), senior design engineer, acted as emcee of the retirement party held February 28 in the M&M Club of the Merchandise Mart marking the end of Marty's 37 years with CTA. He also received a cash gift from his many friends. Marty and his wife, Kay, live in Norridge and have three daughters. The couple plan to live in the Chicago area and enjoy some traveling in the U.S. and Europe.

WANTED

for the June issue of **TRANSIT NEWS**:

Pictures of **high school** or **college** students graduating in 1985 who are **sons** or **daughters** of CTA employees.

All pictures must be taken by a professional photographer and **MUST** be wallet size. On the back of the picture, please provide the student's full name and school as well as the employee's name and work location. Pictures cannot be returned.

Please submit pictures to: **CTA TRANSIT NEWS, Merchandise Mart, Room 734, Chicago, IL 60654.**

DEADLINE for pictures — May 14, 1985.



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Editor's Note:
Ernest Cherry's wife, Mrs. Marguerite Cherry, died suddenly before our story could be published. We wish to extend our condolences to architect Cherry and his family.

—Architect's family— history has rich Chicago heritage

CTA architect Ernest Cherry of the Engineering department is among a distinguished group of blacks whose heritage in Chicago dates back five generations to the late 1880s, when the first black settlement was established on the city's West Side.

A bit of the Cherry family roots surfaced recently as a group of West Side residents, community service, and civic groups embarked on a project, "Looking Backward to Move Forward." The project researches the history of black Chicagoans on the West Side.

The *Chicago Tribune's City Trib* noted that Wiley Cherry, our architect's grandfather, migrated to Chicago from his native North Carolina in 1893 and started a grocery store at Wolcott Avenue and Lake Street.

In later years, he closed the store and opened a coal and ice hauling and moving business on West Lake Street, which he operated until his death in 1920.

This typical 1900s Chicago businessman's history is documented through photographs by Wiley's granddaughter, Mrs. Lorraine Heflin, a life-long West Side resident, who is very active in civic affairs and is Ernest Cherry's sister.

Cherry, who joined CTA in April 1980 after 21 years of service as an architect with the Chicago Board of Education and the City of Chicago, said that although he is not directly involved with "Looking Backward to Move Forward," the project is a source of pride to him.

"It really feels good to know that my family's history can be traced back to the years when Chicago's West Side business community was in the developmental stages, and to realize the contributions my grandparents made and the progress our people have made since those early days."



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cherry catch the photographer's eye along with two of their five children. Posing with mom and dad are Mrs. Arlene Marentic (left), and Miss Valma Cherry (right).



The fifth generation of the Cherry family, all grandchildren of CTA architect Ernest Cherry, pose for posterity. Standing alone in the front row is Stephanie Marentic. Others are (from left) Jeffery Cherry, Kimberly, Karen, and Laura Marentic (second row); April Street, Michael Cherry, Fredrick Marentic, and Doria Street (third row); Eric and Michell Street, and Anthony Marentic (fourth row).

CTA's little library has BIG libraries inside



Ms. Lillian D. Culbertson, Superintendent, CTA/Anthon Memorial Library, and **Ms. Marilyn Cichon**, Librarian, Greeley & Hansen sanitary engineers of Chicago, at computer terminal in CTA's library in the Mart.

The CTA's Anthon Memorial Library in Room 779 in the Merchandise Mart is a little library with many big libraries inside -- thanks to its computer terminal and printer.

Through its terminal, connected to the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) in Dublin, Ohio, the CTA library staff has at its fingertips the vast collections of the Library of Congress, major university libraries, and public and special libraries in America and abroad. The OCLC operates an international computer network for member libraries.

"CTA's library is part of a library cluster," explained Ms. Lillian D. Culbertson, superintendent, Library Services. "Our cluster is composed of small, special libraries needing the capability of the computer terminal and printer we have here, because they are unable to afford the equipment costs individually. At present, there are nine libraries using the computer terminal on a time sharing basis."

Joseph Benson, recently retired CTA director of Information Services, developed the concept of resource sharing among the special libraries which led to the installation of the computer terminal and printer in 1976. Back then the cluster numbered three participating libraries.

"Each of the participants have their own identification codes with the system and each is billed directly by OCLC. That avoids potential time consuming bookkeeping problems for CTA. The CTA's library staff supervises scheduling terminal time with the other participating libraries," Ms. Culbertson said.

Besides Ms. Culbertson, the CTA library is staffed by Ms. Violette Brooks, reference librarian, Ms. Ruth Beutler, principal library assistant, and Ms. Mary McIntosh, clerk.

"Small specialized library staffs, such as ours, could be overwhelmed by manual cataloging and indexing of new materials," Ms. Culbertson said. "This automated system does much of this work for us."

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From the Chairman **A most significant role**

The cold weather, snow, and other inconveniences of winter are finally behind us, and I congratulate all CTA employees for establishing another commendable winter safety record while providing reliable transportation for the people of Chicago.

As our thoughts turn to warm weather, outdoor recreational activities, and summer vacations, we must realize that spring and summer bring their own unique challenges to the transportation environment. Just as the weather presented the greatest challenge during the winter months, the public will present the greatest challenge during the summer months. To meet these challenges, you must continue to concentrate on job performance and courteous treatment of the riding public.

Tourists and Chicagoans alike will be making unfamiliar journeys as they ride CTA to sporting events, concerts, and festivals. The courtesy and competence that you demonstrate can help increase ridership by showing people that we provide total transportation, not jut a means to commute to work.

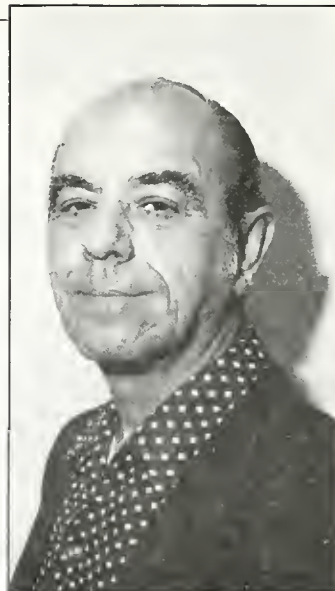
Defensive driving and attention to detail is also just as important during the summer as it is during the winter. As the weather warms, the calm streets will suddenly become filled with sightseers, children, bicycles, motorcycles, and additional automobile traffic, and the increased activity will require your utmost attention to safe operations.

By providing a public service that operates throughout the city, touching the lives of millions of people, you play a significant role in improving CTA's image, increasing ridership, and improving the quality of life and enjoyment of summer in the City of Chicago. Let's do our best and have a great summer.

Michael Randell

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Pedro Santiago (North Park garage) was appreciated by **Leona McCandless**, of Mundelein, for his courtesy on a No. 151 Sheridan bus. "Leaving Union Station and waiting in the cold for the bus, all thought of discomfort was left behind when I was greeted by a smile from No. 6744. An older lady was having trouble getting her change, and the compassion he showed trying to calm her down was remarkable. Any and all questions were answered in a very courteous manner. I do not go into Chicago very often, and hearing so many nasty remarks, it was a real pleasure riding with this gentleman. I thanked him as I left and got another big smile."



Anthony Ceriale (Forest Glen garage) was thanked by **Ann Gray**, of Buena Avenue, for his helpfulness as operator of a No. 80 Irving Park bus. "I was going to have my hair styled, but I also was planning to go on a trip, and had not yet used the 'L'! It was always the No. 81 to Jefferson Park, and then the O'Hare bus. This driver took the time to show me where to get off as we passed the 'L' line, and tell me where the train would terminate, and even the direction I'd need to go to get to the right air terminal. He was very kind to several elderly ladies. It was nice to have ridden with him."

Otis Hampton (Limits garage) was called "a very efficient and most courteous" operator of a No. 157 Streeterville bus by **Lee McGrath**, of DeWitt Place. "When I boarded the bus at the beginning of the line, he was busy cleaning up all the debris that careless passengers had left behind. He made several trips to gather up the mess, packed it very carefully, and disposed of it in a basket next to his seat. When we arrived at Lake Street, the light changed to red. He picked up the mess very carefully and dropped it into a city basket without leaving the bus, and was ready to go when the light changed to green. I was very impressed."

Robert Bell Jr. (North Section) was complimented for his performance as conductor on an Evanston Express train by **Linda Yates**, who works in the Daley Center. "He clearly calls all stops, giving vital information, such as 'Clark and Lake, change here for the Lake-Dan Ryan, City Hall, the Daley Center,' etc. He also points out that his train is an 'Evanston Express, not Dan Ryan.' He has a clear, concise speaking voice, and was most courteous when asked for directions. It is truly a pleasure to ride on his train. I would like him to know that his efforts to be pleasant, helpful and considerate are noticed."

Theodore Lamb (North Park garage) was praised for the way he handled a No. 36 Broadway bus by **Lee Channing**, of Lima, Ohio. "Since I'm from an essentially rural community, it's a pure joy for me to encounter the better parts of such a big city as Chicago. The courtesy extended to me by this driver was above and beyond the call. I was able to relax and enjoy the sights. I was not alone in the receipt of assistance, as I watched and listened as he aided many other passengers along the route. Chicago has every right to be proud of its transportation, and the CTA is to be congratulated for its fine employees as well."

Paul Franks (77th Street garage) was commended by **William Bilal**, of Cyril Avenue, who was a rider on his 79th Street bus. "He was a very skillful and well-trained bus driver. I could see that he was keeping to his schedule and not wasting time. Even under pressure, he was very calm, thoughtful, pleasant and patient with every rider. His tone of voice was gentle to the women and men alike. He was tolerant and understanding with the teen-aged students. Yet, when troublemakers got on the bus, he was firm and convincing enough to command their respect. There was peace and order on his bus, and I enjoyed riding it."

Tuesday Simpson (Limits garage) caught the attention of **Joseph Cleary**, of Forest Park, for the way she operated a No. 36 Broadway bus. "She was so pleasant and nice to me, she even explained how much time I had left on my senior transfer. During the trip, a young man got on and asked a question, and again she was cheerful in answering. A grouchy senior citizen with a walker boarded the bus, and a person in the front gave his seat to the man. Again the driver was nice during the time it took the man to get seated. When he got off, the driver was so nice, she pulled up even with the curb and told him to take his time."

John Christner (Forest Glen garage) was the operator of a No. 80 Irving Park bus ridden by **Dena Lustro**, of Northlake. "A man had gotten on the bus and quickly showed his pass. Just because the driver asked the man politely to see his pass again, the man became very rude. This driver doesn't deserve such disrespect. He knows his job. He has a smile and a greeting for everyone. He gives accurate, easy-to-follow directions, gets close to the curbs on stops, and always calls the stops in a loud and clear tone. He waits for buses at cross lines, and even waits for people running to catch the bus."

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Three bus operators are honored for rescue efforts

Three northside bus operators received special recognition on "A Day in CTA" for performing rescue efforts in three separate near-tragic incidents.

Operator Egnechles Brown of Kedzie garage earned the special thanks of his supervisors, CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli, and officials of the Village of Berwyn when he and a rider aboard his early morning 25-West Cermak bus rescued an elderly couple from a burning building, and alerted other building residents. The fire was discovered as Brown drove along Cermak in the 6800 block.

After notifying the CTA Control Center, the veteran bus operator and his passenger rushed to the building

where they entered a hall door leading to the second floor and began knocking on doors. The elderly man and his wife were in one apartment and needed help to escape from the building, which Brown and the rider provided.

In a similar incident, operator Thomas Bonner of North Park garage stopped to lend aid to a motorist in trouble which no doubt was a life saving fete. Bonner was enroute to work in his private automobile on Interstate

55 near Damen avenue when he encountered a truck which had jack-knifed and was hanging over the guard rail.

Bonner stopped his car and assisted the driver of the disabled truck out of the cab. CTA Operations supervisors called Bonner's action "an exceptional deed of personal involvement and concern for others."

Operator Robert Dickens of North Avenue garage earned the special attention of his supervisors after he intervened in an altercation between two riders on board his bus.

After alerting police, Dickens, a bus operator since July 1969, disregarded his own safety and demonstrated a concern for the safety of his riders by disarming a knife-wielding passenger and detaining her until police arrived.



Bus operators Egnechles Brown, Thomas Bonner, and Robert Dickens (from left) display certificates of achievement presented to them in special recognition as "Day in CTA" honorees.



Beverly,



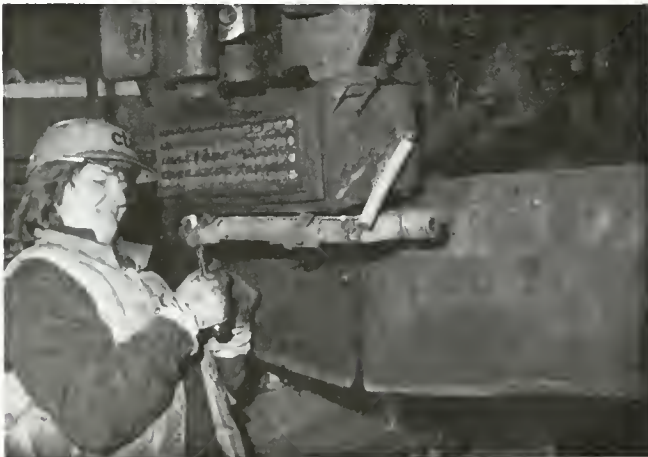
▲ Maintenance day foreman **Earl Jones** (right), 77th Street garage, accepts a first place ZAP certificate from unit supervisor **Walter Bailey**.

◀ Beverly maintenance crews on both day and night shifts were treated to a luncheon feast in recognition of their safety conscientiousness which resulted in personnel experiencing no accidents for the last six month of 1984.



◀ **Claude Stevens** (left), Safety Inspections and Investigations, presents the coveted first place ZAP certificate to 61st Street terminal day foreman **Charlie Nevels** in recognition of terminal personnel safety achievements during the fourth quarter.

▼ Car repairer **Juanita Eden** of first place ZAP certificate winner Kimball terminal fills the repair order for this rail car electric coupler cover.



Rail maintenance personnel at 54th Street terminal earned the Engineering and Maintenance Safety department's Zero Accident Program catered lunch for remaining accident-free during the period of July 1 through December 31, 1984.

Maintenance crews at Beverly garage also sat down to enjoy the luncheon feast which was sponsored by Maintenance Safety for similar achievements at the garage level.

Maintenance Safety supervisor Jim Dudley said the catered luncheon is awarded to any of the garage or terminal maintenance teams with a record of six months without any accidents by personnel, or for having the lowest overall accident frequency.

Meanwhile, first place honors for maintenance safety in the fourth quarter were taken by respective southsider rivals at 77th Street garage, as well as Kimball and 61st/Racine terminals.

Dudley said that in rail competition, Kimball closed out the quarter with no accidents, followed by 61st/Racine with the next lowest frequency rate. Rosemont terminal placed second in

54th terminal safety awards feast



▲ Foremen from Skokie Rail Shops proudly display first place ZAP certificates from their respective departments. They are (from left) front row: Robert Velinske, Axle Shop; Frank Porcaro, Sub-Mechanical; Muzio Ficarella, Sub-Electrical; and Ken Blocker, Blacksmith/Welding. In the back row are: Pat Langosch, Machine Shop; Pat Harnett, Vehicle Wiring; Marty Venticini, Truck Shop; Frank Vukovics, unit supervisor; James House, Degreasing; George Haenisch, superintendent; Jan Broda, Paint Shop, and Matthew Spatzek, unit supervisor.

the overall terminal competition.

In the Bus and Rail Shops areas, only those work locations having no accidents at all during the quarter are eligible for ZAP awards, according to Dudley.

Maintenance safety leaders among work locations at Bus Shops are the Print, Upholstery, Electrical Units Rebuild, and Machine shops, all with more than a year of accident-free performance.

Other Bus Shops work locations which have been accident-free for at least six months are the Paint and Radiator shops. Operating for three months without an accident among its personnel are the Converter and Engine Rebuild shops.

At Skokie Rail shops, both the Blacksmith/Welding and Machine shops have been accident-free for the past year. The Axle and Sub-Electrical shops have experienced no accidents among personnel for nine months.

Personnel in the Sub-Mechanical, Degreasing, and Paint shops have had no accidents in six months, while both the Vehicle Wiring and Truck shops have reported no accidents for three months.

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◀ Inspecting the traction motor on this rail car at 54th Street terminal where maintenance crews also earned a catered lunch are car repairers Dan Keller (left), and George Fencel.



▶ Ed Lafferty, car repairer, gives special attention to the tires of this bus at Beverly garage, winner of the catered lunch.



Fifty-five complete intensive bus supervisor course

Fifty-five members of the March 13 bus supervisors graduating class, one of the largest in the CTA's history, received their certificates in ceremonies in the CTA Board Room. The bus operators had completed

an intensive program of 12 days of classroom training plus six days of field training — all done on their days off — by the Operations Division bus training staff.

Harry Reddick, deputy executive director, Operations Division, praised the graduates for their diligence,

dedication, and hard work. Reddick shook hands and presented the graduates their certificates.

Paul Kadowaki, director of Instruction, said this class had received a more intensive training program than any previous classes.

"Greater emphasis was put on trouble shooting bus electrical and mechanical problems so these new supervisors, and future supervisory graduates, will help keep more buses in service and increase the CTA's service to its more than 600,000 bus riders," Kadowaki said.

"Besides learning all the facets of supervision, these graduates had to learn a broadened coverage of skills in such areas as anxiety and stress management for supervisors and bus operators in problem solving applications.

"They also studied human behavior, motivation, and labor-



management relations. They are the new breed of supervisors and they are in the forefront of those to come after them. They also had to maintain test grades of above 80 per cent in order to stay in the program," Kadowaki concluded.

The 55 bus operators certified as supervisors and their work locations are: Archer—**Willie Allen, Richard True, August Elke, Ina Tuff, Victor Gonzalez, and Earleen Raynor**; Beverly—**Charles Taylor, James Butler Jr., Cedric Crosbie, James Miller, and Conley Johnson Sr.**; Forest Glen—**Patrick Corcione, Roy Pickarts, Pedro Espinoza, Clarence Golden, Christine Jones, Hagar McFarland, and Thelma Young**; Limits—**Phillip Benford, Luther Williams, Daniel Rogers, and William McDonald Jr.**; North Avenue—**Lawrence Chatman, Booker Bolton, Joe**

Ellis, and Carlos Davila; North Park—**William Jack, Harold Gutierrez, and Craig Pease**; Washington—**Henry Terry, Bobby Hobbs, Frank Drewry, Michael Doss, and Melvin Perry**; 69th—**John Odom, Isaac Dean, Sam Shipp, Paul Daniel, Clarence Prescott, Claude Dockery, William McCotry, Louis Williams, Robert Buries, Willie Rochelle, Hueylon Steward, James Echols, and Harvey White**; and 77th—**Fred Powell, Willie McAfee, James Ward, David Foster, Willie Morris, Charles Carter, Clemmie Bledsoe, and Johannie Wheeler.**

Putting the students through their training were Training Coordinator **Pat Mglej** and Instructors **Arthur Bennett, Timothy Graves, John McClain, and George Zajackowski.**

Operations Division executives extending their congratulations to the class were Manager **Elonzo Hill**, Operations Training & Instruction; **Michael LaVelle**, Transportation Service; **David Martin**, Communications and Power Control; **Alex Johnson**, Transportation Personnel; **Robert Desvignes**, Operations Administrative Services, and **Lou Dixon**, director, Transportation Service.

At the graduation ceremony, Reddrick asked the graduates if they visited other transit agencies when they vacationed in the United States or throughout the world.

Many of them raised their hands.

"Now you tell me, please, which is the best transit agency you have seen in your travels—and be truthful," Reddrick challenged.

Their voices rose in unison—"CTA!"

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Public Safety Awards

O'Hare, 69th take honors in PSA contest



The Interstation Safety plaque for Public Safety is presented to O'Hare terminal Superintendent Dennis Clausen (left) by Safety Manager Tom Boyle. Others on hand for the presentation were Maria Elena Quintanar, clerk; retiring Instructor Tom Freeman (uniform), and Kimball Superintendent Nick Blaino.

Operating personnel at O'Hare terminal are among CTA's most celebrated safety conscious employees. The terminal collected its 16th Public Safety award in the fourth quarter.

O'Hare experienced no traffic accidents in the fourth quarter, and had a passenger accident frequency rate of 0.160 per 100,000 miles of operation, 48 percent better than the system rate of 0.310.

Meanwhile, operating personnel at 69th Street garage took the PSA interstation safety plaque for the sixth time. The southside garage which experienced 24 accident-free days, had the best improvement rate in the system.

The first Public Safety awards were presented to terminals and garages in 1961. **cta**



First place honors seem to come naturally for 69th Street personnel as the Interstation Safety plaque for the lowest fourth quarter traffic and passenger accident rate in the bus system is received at the southside location. Present for the occasion were (from left) Ozzie Davis, ATU 241 representative; Mike McCarthy, principal public safety analyst; Operator James Gultrey, outstanding employee; Acting Area Superintendent David Hinman; Sylvia Caldwell, outstanding employee, and 69th Street Superintendent Joseph Steinbach.

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Recommendations from the public.

Charles Alexander, 77th Street
Robert Anderson, Kedzie

Samuel Baker, Special Services
Thomas Barry, Forest Glen
Nikola Blagojevic, Limits
Thomas Bonner, North Park
John Brugess, Limits
Phillip Buscemi, Howard/Kimball

Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Cornell Canty, Kedzie
Ethel Carter, 77th Street
Charles Carter, 77th Street
Patricia Cobb, North Park
Rafael Colon, North Park
Charles Cooke, Howard/Kimball
Larry Cooper, Howard/Kimball
David Copeland, Kedzie
Luke Costanza, Forest Glen

Frederick Douglas, North Park
Daniel Dzyacky, North Park
Fernando Feliciano, Forest Glen

Jerry Gardner, North Park
Vicente Gatbunton, Forest Glen
Nathaniel George, 77th Street
Fahmi Ghoulch, Limits
Wallacene Good, Forest Glen
Geraldine Grocic, West Section

Robert Hicks, 77th Street
Marlene Hornsby, North Section
Lawrence Houghlund, North Park

Cedric Johnson, Kedzie
Lon Jones, 69th Street
Michael Jordan, Limits

Joe Kent, 77th Street
Keith Klein, Campaign Area
Panagiotis Koutsogiannis, Rail

Carl Lambert, North Park
Jesus Limas, North Park
Charles Lindsey, 77th Street

John Mack Jr., Kedzie
Tyrone Malloy, North Avenue

Jesse Marshall Jr., North Park
James Melton, North Park
Marceau Mitchell, 77th Street
Abraham Morgan, North Avenue
Jeremiah Morris, 77th Street

Harold Nathan, 77th Street
Bobbie Neita, 77th Street
James Nielsen, Archer
Jorge Noriega, Forest Glen

Robert Patterson, North Avenue
Darlene Porter, 77th Street
Amy Posley, 69th Street
Michael Powell, Howard/Kimball
President Puckett, Kedzie

Miguel Rivera, Jefferson Park
Jackie Robinson, Beverly
Toval Rolston, Forest Park
Alvin Ross Jr., 77th Street
Veronica Rowell, North Avenue

Luis Santiago, North Avenue
Diego Santos-Rios, North Avenue

Bobbie Smith, North Park
Howard Spann Jr., Archer
Charles Spencer, Beverly
Vytautas Stukelis, Archer
Carl Suddeth, North Park

Charles Tabb, North Avenue
Carlos Tamayo, Forest Glen
Eugene Taylor, Jefferson Park
Robert Tirado, North Park

O. D. Watson, 69th Street
Willie Webb, Kedzie
Ricky Wetherspoon, North Park
Willie Whisenton, Limits
Larry Whitehead, Beverly
Laurence Whitney, Limits
Leroy Wilson Jr., 77th Street
John Woods, Agent's District
Addie Wright, Forest Glen

Jacques Yezeguielian, North Avenue
Willie Young, Limits
Charles Young, Jefferson Park

Joseph Zukerman, North Park



HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

The "Silent Killer"

Prentiss Taylor M.D.
Medical Director
Employee Health Service

Next month (May) is National High Blood Pressure Month. High Blood Pressure (Hypertension) is a very common disease that affects over 30 million Americans. It affects all types of people-- it is more common, however, among Black and Hispanic Americans. Hypertension is called the Silent Killer by preventive medicine specialists: Its victims feel well for years, until severe internal damage suddenly affects them with a stroke, or a heart attack, or with shortness of breath from malignant hypertension. Uncontrolled High Blood Pressure causes premature death and disables people--often in their 30's, 40's and 50's. The disabling complications are usually strokes, heart attacks, blindness, and kidney failure leading to dialysis (an artificial kidney machine dependency.)

The High Blood Pressure problem is of great concern to companies and to company doctors, because becoming disabled is a loss of productive work hours as well as being a great personal tragedy for the employee and his or her family. The most common way that high blood pressure inflicts its

The CTA Medical Department has new doctors on staff, and we are proud of our new image. We have started several projects aimed at improving the health of our employees-- this is the first in a series of articles which will appear in Transit News in months ahead.

damage is by causing a constant stress on the arteries to the heart, to the brain, and to the kidneys. Over several years this stress and pressure causes the arteries to harden and become brittle. Blood clots tend to form in narrowed, hardened arteries; when blood flow is cut off to a part of the heart or the brain, serious consequences occur.

Hypertension is one of several Risk Factors for heart attacks that can be made worse or better by an individual's lifestyle. Other cardiovascular lifestyle risk factors are: high cholesterol levels in the blood (and in the diet), obesity, diabetes, and cigarette smoking. These conditions tend to interact with one another to increase the chances that hardening of the arteries will set in at a premature age. High Blood Pressure is a life-long problem for people who have it. It does not go away like a cold or a rash; it requires some type of continuous treatment. To stop treatment without the advice of your doctor is to unleash

a monster running loose in the subways of your body. A train wreck is inevitable, sooner or later.

Many people's hypertension can be controlled without medicine by avoiding salty foods, weight reduction, and limiting the use of alcoholic beverages. Your doctor should be consulted frequently, however, to make sure that a non-medication approach is, indeed, working adequately. If you have been on medication for this problem for some time and have lost faith in your doctor's ability to get it under control, a second opinion from a qualified specialist may be advisable. Our Medical Department has identified hypertension specialty clinics at several of the university medical centers which would be interested in serving our employees for second opinion consultations. Long-term treatment programs are available through them if you desire.

Some people will need to take one or two types of medications each day to control this problem. It is important to know what you are taking and what are the possible side effects. If you have further questions about High Blood Pressure or other health problems, please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of our physicians at the Medical Department, Room 742, Merchandise Mart.

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Electronic deposit is now available to CTA pensioners

CTA pensioners may now have their retirement checks electronically deposited into savings or checking accounts of their choice, as announced by Gregory C. Nagle, secretary, Retirement Allowance Committee.

Pensioners who would prefer hav-

ing retirement checks electronically deposited into a specific bank account on the first business day of each month should notify the CTA Pension Office at 440 North Wells Street, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60610 so that the necessary forms for this new service may be

mailed to the retiree immediately.

Nagle said having retirement checks automatically deposited into a bank account will eliminate the chance of checks being lost or stolen. The retiree's bank statement will serve as notification of deposit, he added. **cta**

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF
THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MEET YOUR REPORTER

Great picture, isn't it?

Ha! Now that you've read this far, you have some idea of what your reporter looks like. Joking aside, I'm **Michael M. Flores** and only want to say: supervisor, operator, instructor, regardless of your job title, "Inside News" is about ALL of us, and without your help, it wouldn't exist! So, whenever you have something you'd like to share, give it to our clerks and they'll get it to me.



North Park

Tweet, tweet! Yes, that's the sound of spring, but it also marks the one-year wedding anniversary of North Park operators **Rosemary Hoskins Walker** (Team Leader #5) and hubby **Lonnie**. Sincerest congratulations to both of you lovebirds ... Oops! Belated welcome extended to assistant relief superintendent **Sal Carbonelli**, who also happens to be the parent of daughter **Kathy**, who is graduating from Notre Dame High School this year ...

Nice to see, once again, former operator **Lorraine B. Hardy**, vacation relief clerk. Miss those buses, Lorraine?.. Is there a Gremlin living in our coke machine, or just a paper cup foul-up? Seems to be a continuing problem--Hint, hint ... Operator **Eddie Traylor** confirmed the passing of former operator **Larry Thigpen** (69th Street). Larry had plenty of friends here at North Park ... **Mary Saved!! Charles Dunker** must have been one welcome sight after **Mary Wallace** found herself "locked in" in the Howard Terminal restroom. Charles, you may now take your bows, HaHa!.. Being serious, though, operator **Victor Medunycia**, with the help of fellow operators and a passenger who happened to be a nurse, provided CPR to a stricken male adult who had collapsed at the Howard Terminal. Victor credits learning this life-saving technique while he was donating blood and learned of the CPR program ... **Robert Moskovitz's** constant visits to the Health Club must be in anticipation of running for those diapers. His daughter, **Diana**, is expecting another grandchild for him to babysit ... Well, we've picked our vacations for the year, so let's enjoy summer's good times and remember **Defensive Driving** when on the road.

Mike Flores

77th Street

Bus operators **Jacqueline Luster** and **Bobby Willis**, both from 77th, **finally** tied the knot after six years on March 2. Where did Bobby propose? On a bus, of course! The new Mrs. Willis has seven years with CTA, and her hubby 18 years. A reception will be held in the couple's Hazel Crest home on May 11. Congratulations,

Mr. and Mrs. Willis ... Retired bus operators **Alonzo Pruitt** (left) and **Julius (Red) Martin**, both formerly of 77th, toast Martin's birthday March 17 in Los Angeles, where they now live within a few blocks of each other.

Editor's Note: There is as yet no Inside News Reporter representing 77th Street Garage. If you would like to volunteer as a Reporter for this location, please contact Rick Willis at ext. 3324 in the Mart.



North Section (Howard)

When **Arthur Krishan**, clerk at Howard Street, returned to New Delhi, India, after an absence of nine years, he was amazed at the changes. There were more people, more traffic, and more tall buildings. Arthur had a marvelous time being feted by friends and relatives ... Remember, folks, this is YOUR column in the Transit News. Let's get the news from North Section moving along!

Josephine Anderson

Internal Audit

Ruth LeBron was a very proud mother when her daughter, **Rachel**, who attends Regina Dominican High School, was chosen Junior Queen at the school's spring dance. Congratulations, Rachel ... **Chuck Karneffel** is at this moment somewhere between Spain and France having another wonderful vacation abroad ... Tan and looking great describes **Andy Andrzejewski** after his vacation in Florida. We're glad he had a good time, and glad he's back ... **Pat Reed** celebrated her 18th wedding anniversary on March 9 at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza for the weekend. Pat and her husband, **John**, also attended the Elk's 11th Annual Dinner Dance while there, which made the weekend that much more memorable ... Congratulations to new grandpa, **Frank Mullen**, of Workers' Compensation. His son, **Jim**, and daughter-in-law, **Lucy**, had a beautiful baby boy. Little **Ryan Patrick** weighed in at 9 pounds 10 ounces, and made his appearance on March 31 ... Are you thinking about going on a cruise? Go talk to someone in Capital Development. This Reporter was told it's the Cruise Center of the Seventh Floor. **John Jones** of Capital Development just returned from a 7-day cruise, visiting St. Thomas, Nassau, and Cay Islands. According to John, if you want to be pampered, rested, and fed like a king, take a cruise ... Best wishes to **Rich Jania** on his recent promotion to supervisor.

Joyce Petrich

Police Liaison

Our **Get Well** wishes to to **Jim Marshall**, Manager, Labor Relations, at Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park. At the same time, we send our congratulations to Jim and his wife,



Mary, and son, **Duan**, on Duan's graduation from U.S. Marine Corps Basic Training on Mary 27 in San Diego, CA. Duan is currently assigned to Communications School, 29 Palms, CA., after which he'll be given assignment of duty. The ceremonies were attended by Jim, Mary, and Duan's aunt, **Sandra Brown**, while **Janise** and **James**, Jim and Mary's two other children, celebrated at

home ... Next month I will have photos on two stories concerning employees and their hobbies.

Carol Musto

Materials Management



Recognize the man behind the glasses? Yes, it's **Johnnie Pope**, paymaster. He spent his vacation in St. Petersburg, Florida. Johnnie sure loves it down south ... **Kay Corcoran**, Treasury, wishes to take this opportunity to thank all her co-workers for their support and kind words of sympathy over the death of her dear friend, **Ralph Regnier**. Ralph began his CTA career as a bus operator for CSL, and he

was chauffeur for Board Chairman **George L. DeMent** when he retired in 1972 ... **Louise Muhr**, on leave of absence, visited her friends in Materials Management proudly showing off one-year old Baby **Meagan** ... Don't forget to call or send any Inside News Items to your reporter, **Arlene Zittman**. My extension is GO 4861, Merchandise Mart, Room 725 ... We're all so happy to see **Jim Madden**, supervisor, Disbursements & Records, back at his post after open-heart surgery. Welcome back, Jim, we surely missed you ... **Phyllis Shields**, payroll clerk, was feted to a luncheon in the M&M Club by many of her friends. Phyllis and her husband, **Vince**, who incidentally she met at CTA, are retiring to sunny Florida. Good luck, Phyllis and Vince ... Retirees **Jane Mitchell (Garrity)**, Executive, **Wally Johnson**, Utility, **Ann Jobaris**, Materials Management, **Margaret Walker**, Accounting, **Jean Wright**, Accounting, **Bill Platt**, Job Classification, all send greetings to their friends. They also agree there's nothing like retirement.

Arlene Zittman

69th Street

Larry: A Time to Shine—**Larry Thigpen**, friend and former fellow bus operator, will shine in our thoughts and hearts for some time. If anyone had ever come in contact with Larry, you couldn't forget him. I can't say enough about this young man who's life ended on March 8, 1985, at the age of 32. Larry was an operator out of 69th Street until he became ill and was unable to work. Larry required a heart transplant. In an effort to help Larry get the open heart surgery



he so desperately needed, operator **Melloneice Springfield** spearheaded a collection at 69th, which ended in the amount of \$1,300. A tribute to Larry was made on behalf of the 69th Street Station by operator/spokesperson **Eddie Traylor** at the Cedar Park Funeral Home Wednesday evening, March 13, 1985. More than 50 bus operators; Local Board members **Leonard Morris** and **Ozie Davis**; Assistant Superintendents **Walter Caston** (69th Street) and **Isaac Clark** (77th Street) came to pay last respects. A Pallbearers' Honor Guard in CTA uniform, consisting of operators **Jimmie Gultry** (8798), **Richard Dunbar** (13752), **William Grimmage** (13392), **Charles Johnson** (12131), and **Isaiah Taylor Jr.** (3445). Unfortunately we don't have the name of the sixth pallbearer, but extend our sincerest thanks to them all. Larry always said, "I understand." Now we all have to understand. A special thanks to operator **Elbert Pearson** (6037) for the beautiful floral wreath arrangement.

Condolences are extended to operator **Eddie Mae Jones** in the loss of her grandson, **William D. Glasper** ... Yours Truly enjoyed a swinging good time at co-worker operator **Mary Haynes'** (13394) annual birthday party gala at her home March 17. Fellow operator **LeDorothy Jones** dressed to kill in a black and red dress ensemble, which added entertainment to the already exciting night. Good food

and drink rounded the festivities off perfectly. I can hardly wait till next year!.. Congratulations are in order for operator **Carrie Smith Williams** (69th) and hubby, Supervisor **Willie Williams Jr.** (District A-77th) on the birth of a son, **Corey Dorsett**, on Sept. 18, 1984. Corey weighed in at 9 pounds at Olympia Fields Medical Center ... Hey, Aries people! Watch the bulletin board for a Happy Birthday To You!



Ellie Head cta

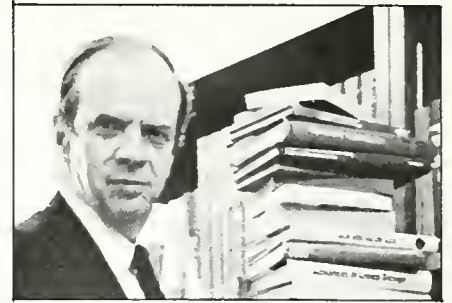
RETIREMENTS



Joseph Benson, Director of Information Services, retired April 1, ending his 10-year career with the CTA at age 65.

Benson was responsible for taking the Engineering Department's Anthon Memorial Library, a collection of manuals and technical books, and creating the present broad based library, an acknowledge leader among public transit libraries in the United States. The present library is named for Harold S. Anthon who donated the original collection.

Before joining the CTA, Benson served as librarian for the Merriam Center Library of the Charles E. Merriam Center for Public Administration in Hyde Park. He had previously served as librarian of the Chicago Municipal Reference Library in City Hall.



Benson and his wife, Martha, plan to retire near Buchanan, Mich., where they have maintained a second home. They had been residents of the Hyde Park Community for many years. **cta**



Retiring CTA schedule maker **Eugene Wrobel** (left) plans to remain in Chicago and pursue his favorite pastime of fishing after 39 years of CTA service. On behalf of the entire Schedule Section, Director of Schedules **Norman Oswald** (right) extends best wishes for a happy retirement to Wrobel who joined CTA in May 1946 as a bus operator. He became a traffic checker with the Schedule Section in September 1966, and was named schedule maker in October 1974. A luncheon was held in Wrobel's honor at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza last month where co-workers presented him with a fishing vest.

Sunny Florida

Mrs. Phyllis Shields, payroll relief clerk, Financial Services department, ended her 26-year career with CTA on April 1.

Co-workers and friends, 45 in all, attended a farewell luncheon in her honor in the M&M Club on March 13. John Cannon, superintendent, Accounting Operations (far right), Brian Jakubowski, unit supervisor, Payroll



(left), and Gerald Kurowski, payroll supervisor (right), acted as masters of ceremony.

Mrs. Shields, 49, received a microwave oven and a cash gift as

farewell presents. She and her husband, Vince, will make their home in St. Petersburg, Florida, where they plan to enjoy deep sea fishing and then put the microwave oven to work.

April Pensioners

FRANK F. ANDREK, Car Servicer,
98th Street, Emp. 11-11-46
DONALD L. BABER, Money Handler I,
South Shops, Emp. 6-13-57
JOSEPH BENSON, Director,
Information Services, Emp. 4-15-74
***MICHAEL P. CASTIGLIONE**, Elec. Mtce. Man,
South Shops, Emp. 10-9-61
PEDRO A. CORONADO, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-17-58
DOROTHY M. DISMANG, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 3-21-59
PETER J. FALLEST, Carpenter,
South Shops, Emp. 3-10-60
CLEODIS FOSTON, Collector,
Archer, Emp. 2-16-56

*Retroactive to 3-1-85

PATRICK F. HEALY, Bus Servicer,
Archer, Emp. 11-5-52
ARIE H. ISACK, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 1-6-71
GEORGE M. ISDALE, Serv. Trk. Chauf.,
West Shops, Emp. 5-1-51
LUTHER B. LEE, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 10-13-55
TIMOTHY C. MURPHY, Chief Clerk,
Beverly, Emp. 8-2-57
HOUSTON NETTLES, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 3-14-57
BARRY A. PIERCY, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 4-14-55
MARY T. RAFTERY, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 3-24-60

CLARENCE REESE Jr., Bus Repairer,
69th Street, Emp. 12-11-56
JOHN E. REID, Ticket Agent,
Forest Park, Emp. 8-26-54
RAYMOND RICHARDSON, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 11-1-56
REGINALD M. SHARP, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 12-10-53
PHYLLIS S. SHIELDS, Payroll Rel. Clk.,
Financial Services, Emp. 10-6-58
YOUNG WALKER Jr., Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 3-1-54
EUGENE A. WROBEL, Schedule Maker,
Schedules, Emp. 5-17-46

Disability Retirements

ADRIAN W. TAYLOR, Motorman,
Congress, Emp. 6-30-67

Service Anniversaries in April

35 Years

Daniel Allen, 69th Street
Milford Cumberlander, Utility
Thaddeus Szewc, Sig. Phone & Radio

30 Years

Henry Piercy, North Park
Earl Williams, Beverly
John Woodson, North Park

25 Years

James Briley, Special Services
James Haase, Financial Services
William Hairstone, 77th Street
Kelsey King, Technical Services
Carmen Pacella, Adm. & Budget
James Paulson, Utility
Paul Schurchay, Elec. Distribution
Alphonso Young, Forest Glen

IN MEMORIAM

ALEXANDER D. ADAMS, 72, Maint.,
Emp. 10-24-55, Died 2-23-85
WALTER J. BARAN, 75, North Avenue,
Emp. 6-26-46, Died 2-11-85
HENRY BARBEE, 72, Track,
Emp. 8-25-48, Died 2-3-85
ALBERT W. BELK, 88, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 7-13-37, Died 2-4-85
NICK DARGENTO, 88, Way & Strcuts.,
Emp. 12-8-23, Died 2-26-85
HERMAN T. DUKES, 71, South Sect.,
Emp. 3-30-50, Died 2-1-85
WALTER J. GAUGER, 69, West Sect.,
Emp. 10-29-45, Died 2-11-85
THADDEUS GUTT, 62, Equip. Engr., &
Maint., Emp. 9-13-67, Died 2-8-85
WILLIAM J. HALLA, 73, Lawndale,
Emp. 6-23-37, Died 2-4-85
THOMAS L. HENRY, 93, Electrical,
Emp. 4-18-19, Died 2-15-85
CORNELIUS J. JONES, 65, South Sect.,
Emp. 2-24-49, Died 2-6-85
MICHAEL KACZOR, 82, West Sect.,
Emp. 10-29-43, Died 2-26-85

THOMAS J. LAWLESS, 79, Skokie,
Emp. 4-22-37, Died 2-4-85
FRED J. MOHN, 85, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 3-2-38, Died 1-21-85
EUGENE J. NEHLS, 93, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-28-21, Died 1-21-85
DOROTHY S. PIPER, 88, West Sect.,
Emp. 4-15-34, Died 2-22-85
RUDOLPH C. SCHULTZ, 90, Lawndale,
Emp. 2-21-17, Died 2-20-85
JAMES P. SLEZNIK, 91, Way & Strcuts.,
Emp. 4-16-41, Died 2-19-85
EMIL E. STEVENS, 79, 69th Street,
Emp. 11-1-27, Died 2-8-85
HENRY O. STUEWE, 85, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 2-28-17, Died 2-23-85
JOHN TALLEY, 79, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-17-27, Died 2-15-85
MARSHALL WASHINGTON, 70, 52nd Street,
Emp. 10-2-51, Died 2-17-85
ALFRED E. WOELFLE, 89, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-14-21, Died 1-26-85



Cross Country Champ

Kenwood Academy senior and distance runner **Gerald L. Thompson Jr.**, sprints in a practice warm-up. Thompson, 18, runs the two-mile, mile, and half-mile events for Kenwood. He is the son of CTA duplicating finishing clerk **Olivia P. Thompson**. The youth, who has been a cross-country champion for the past two seasons, looks forward to the 1985 State Championship competition in downstate Charleston. Calling his mother "very encouraging," he noted that she has a lot of influence in his track and field accomplishments. Gerald hopes to earn a degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Wisconsin.

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Award for



Excellence

David Sauer (left), project manager for Lester B. Knight and Associates Architects, and **Chris Kalogeras**, CTA Director of Architectural Design, join CTA Chairman **Michael A. Cardilli** to proudly display the Award of Excellence certificate presented CTA by the Chicago Chapter, Society of American Registered Architects. The award, presented to the CTA Engineering Department, was for design excellence of the 321,000 square foot Kedzie Avenue garage which opened June 29, 1984. CTA project manager for the \$17.6 million facility was **Fritz Petzold**. Presentation of the certificate was made at an awards dinner held at Sages West Restaurant in Downers Grove.

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CTA's Millionth-air WINNER!

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CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli greets CTA's Millionth air

CTA's "Millionth-air" window card was posted inside buses, trains, and sections.

CTA's Millionth-air

The stage was set at 3:30 p.m., May 29, at O'Hare Terminal. A large, three-dimensional sign proclaiming "WINNER — CTA's one-millionth rider from O'Hare" had been placed at the top of the escalator leading from the fare collection level to the platform level. Staff members from the Promotional Services, Communications, and Publications sections of the Public Affairs department, and news teams from Channel 5, Channel 9, and the *Chicago Sun-Times*, prepared to record the first milestone of CTA's O'Hare rapid transit service.

As the paid-fare count neared one million, Helene Greiman, promotional services representative, began counting down the last 100 fare-paying riders. Two women saw the sign, walked back, and passed through the turnstiles a second time — but the countdown continued.

At about 4:13 p.m., a man with two pieces of luggage and a large package maneuvered his way through the turnstile. He was then greeted by CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli and proclaimed CTA's one-millionth rider from O'Hare.

Somewhat weary after his flight home from a vacation in Israel, Morris Dessau, a retired clerk from the North side of Chicago, was at first confused and then surprised. Cardilli presented him with a certificate that entitled him to two free round-trip coach tickets to any city served by United Airlines in the Continental U.S. Dessau also received free accommodations for four days and three nights at any Hyatt Hotel of his choice, and a souvenir photo of a

United 747 taking off over a CTA train at the taxiway bridge. The airline tickets were furnished jointly by CTA and United Airlines, and the hotel accommodations were donated by Ronald Schultz of the Travel-Rite travel agency.

Responding to questions from the media, Dessau said that he buys a CTA monthly pass every month, rides CTA "almost every day," and that he doesn't mind placing his luggage under the train seat.

Where will Dessau fly with his free tickets?

"Thank you very much, I will decide later," he said. "I just want to get home."

The Millionth-air campaign was the first promotional activity targeted specifically at the O'Hare service, and it highlights the success of the O'Hare line. Original ridership estimates projected that the one-millionth rider would board during July, but a 17.7 percent ridership increase since November caused ridership to reach one million on May 29. The millionth-rider campaign was promoted through news releases, and through economical window card advertising in buses, trains, and stations, and other graphics designed by Alan Grady of the Publications section.

Promotional Services Director Terry Hocin is implementing additional promotions that will help increase ridership on the O'Hare line and other CTA services. A mailing to top executives of 6,000 Chicago companies, explaining the advantages of riding the CTA for business trips to O'Hare, has just been completed, and plans are now being made for a celebration of the first anniversary of service to O'Hare this September.

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CTA joins police, others in city's war on **GRAFFITI**



Community Affairs personnel demonstrate their zeal to "Wipe Out Graffiti" as they prepare this 'Big Bend' bus for the Chicago Police Department sponsored parade. They are (from left) Elda Leal, Ana DelRivero, Carol Kimbrough, Bertram Mims, Betty Edwards, manager; Tom Chiampas, John Weatherspoon, special assistant to the CTA chairman; Donald Brookins, Dennis Redmond, and Juan Puente.

The Chicago Transit Authority has joined the Police Department and other agencies in a war on graffiti.

The first major public agencies cleanliness salvo of 1985, initiated to create awareness and focus attention on the problem of graffiti, was fired May 14. A parade of city agencies led by the Chicago Police Department band, youth groups, and other neighborhood organizations, marched down Dearborn Street in the Loop.

Joining Mayor Harold Washington on a reviewing stand at the Richard J. Daley Civic Center Plaza were CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli, Police Superintendent Fred Rice, and other city officials and department heads.

Youth groups which included police explorers, other neighborhood scouts, and high school bands, drew the praises of Mayor Washington as the youth demonstrated concern for the need to "Wipe Out Graffiti"—CTA's parade theme—and keep Chicago clean. "We should exercise every endeavor to keep our city clean," the mayor said as he praised the youth for their participation.

On-lookers were urged to call 744-5000, the city-wide number to be used for requesting help with cleanup problems.

CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli said placards and flyers distributed by

CTA's Community Affairs department were especially designed to keep employees and the community aware of the graffiti problem.

Police Superintendent Fred Rice said that efforts to increase awareness among community groups and city agencies of the growing graffiti problem will go a long way toward reaching the goals of the joint city-wide effort to combat this problem.

Tom Wolgemuth, manager, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance, said, "On Monday and Tuesday of this week, CTA paid its janitors and painters some \$1,500 for approximately 80 man hours of labor to clean up graffiti in only one CTA facility, the Grand and Milwaukee Avenue subway station."

During the parade, personnel of the CTA Community Affairs department and other employees donned T-shirts emblazoned with the CTA slogan, "Wipe Out Graffiti." The shirts were purchased by individuals of the Community Affairs staff.

"Wipe Out Graffiti" was the joint effort of the Community Affairs department and the Publications section of the Public Affairs department. Special thanks to North Park garage personnel for their cooperation and preparation of bus No. 7100, which carried CTA's "Wipe Out Graffiti" banner in the parade.

From the Chairman

Selling service

The recent celebration honoring our one millionth rider boarding at O'Hare is more than a significant statistical milestone, because a 17.7 per cent ridership increase on the O'Hare line since November enabled us to reach this goal two months earlier than originally projected. This proves that the planning, engineering, and hard work that created the O'Hare Extension have been a worthwhile investment in Chicago's future. Most importantly, it demonstrates that transit service, responsive to the needs of the riding public, can grow and prosper in Chicago and other large cities.

We are, therefore, more actively promoting the specialized programs that make CTA service more attractive and easier to use. We will continue to promote O'Hare ridership; we have increased promotion of monthly pass sales through employers as well as individual monthly pass sales, and we expect to begin implementing the electronic dollar-bill-accepting farebox throughout the system after the test program at Beverly Garage has been completed. Our planners are studying alternative designs for bus doors and interior seating arrangements, which will allow quicker boarding, passenger flow, and alighting that will shorten waiting time at bus stops. We are also beginning to work with the police department, the school system, and other agencies to combat the tremendous increase in graffiti that is degrading the transit environment.

No matter how extensively we work on a management level to make transit riding a more pleasurable and worthwhile experience, we need everyone's help to sell CTA service. The most important means of promoting our service and creating good will is our day-to-day contact with the riding public. All employees must make every effort to treat the public courteously, and all operating employees must be knowledgeable about their own routes and other connecting services, and willing to patiently direct riders and answer questions about CTA service.

Michael Cardilli

DAN appointed PERK finance deputy



Daniel R. Perk, a career CTA employee of 35 years service, has been appointed Deputy Executive Director of Finance filling the vacancy left by the retirement of Paul J. Kole. The appointment was effective April 1.

Perk is the former CTA Treasury manager. He also served for 12 years as assistant treasurer, and was director of Claims and Investigation Administration.

He is a graduate of Loyola University where he earned bachelor and masters degrees in business administration. Perk and his wife Joan, and their two sons reside in Evergreen Park.

Promotions

Arthur Bennett

Asst Supt., Training Center

Ulysee Coley II

Supt. III, Transportation Personnel (North)

Richard Jania

Supt., Budget and Manpower

Robert Julun

Supt., III, Transportation Personnel (South)

Dennis H. Ryan

Acting Director, Routes & Systems Planning

Samuel W. Smith Jr.

Supt., III, Transportation Personnel (Bus North)

17 new rail service supervisors join ranks



Seventeen new rail service supervisors show off their certificates of achievement following a graduation which was held in the Operations conference room at the Merchandise Mart on April 24. The occasion was attended by relatives and friends of the graduates.

"I'm surprised!" was all John Zupko, Jr. could say when informed that he had finished number one out of 17 rail employees graduating with the April 24 Rail Service Supervisors class.

Zupko, a conductor from Kimball terminal who also finished on the first place crew in the 1984 Third Rail Roundup, was one of three 1984 Third Rail Roundup Roundhouse 18 participants to graduate with the Rail Service Supervisors class. Others were motorman Donald Seay, Howard street, and conductor San Juana M. Montes de Oca, also of Kimball terminal.

The graduation was held in the Operations conference room at the Merchandise Mart. Spouses, other relatives and friends of the graduates were on hand for the occasion which marked the culmination of 120 hours of formal training and 56 hours of field instruction.

Elonzo Hill, manager, Training/Instruction, told the class, "This is just the beginning of your learning. Always stay current. Your job as a supervisor is to help make the trains run better—to provide a better service to the public.

"You have done an outstanding job and you are to be congratulated for your accomplishments. You are the cream of the crop," said Hill.

Michael LaVelle, director of Service, also congratulated those wives of graduates who were in attendance. "To have an understanding spouse is very important to this job," said LaVelle. "It's very difficult otherwise, because this is a seven day a week job, requiring many hours of your time away from your families."

LaVelle also told graduates the cost for putting each employee through the training which they had received is approximately \$10,000. "We want you to do your very best and we know you will because you are the cream of the crop," he said.

Other members of the class were: **Alan Carter**, **William Demitro**, and **Greffen Harrington**, O'Hare terminal; **Andrew Robinson**, **Diane Overstreet**, **Travis Newsome**, and **Linda Ray**, Howard terminal; **Clifton Satterfield**, **Ronald Heard**, and **Richard Newton**, 61st Street terminal; **Willie Taylor**, **Allen McFalls**, and **Eric Minor**, Ashland terminal, and **Michael Kennedy**, 95th Street terminal.

MEDICAL SECTION seeks new approaches to health problems

CTA Medical section staff includes (from left) Dr. Tanya Jones, family practice; Dr. Joseph Hinkamp, surgical and sports medicine; Kay Smith, medical technician; Erlinda Lapid and Mary Ledwith, registered nurses; Dr. Ila Roman, general practitioner; Medical Director Dr. Prentiss Taylor, occupational medicine internist, and Dr. Irma Realisa, internist.



The CTA Medical section is currently developing new approaches to the problems of employee health.

In the past the trend for most in-



Mary Ledwith, RN, conducts a visual test for a CTA employment applicant. Ms. Ledwith also assists physicians in providing emergency treatment.

dustrial medical staffs was to focus only on the evaluation and treatment of accidents and sickness. Today, however, occupational health is seen as a branch of the field of preventive medicine which aims to prevent ill-

nesses before they have a chance to cause damage.

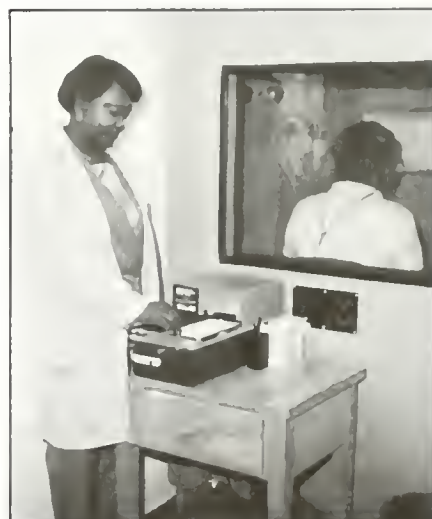
Many of the most devastating chronic illnesses are caused by lifestyle habits such as smoking, the lack of exercise, excessive eating which leads to overweight, high cholesterol-high foods, and excessive drinking. Health analysts call these "risk factors" which increase the chance of premature death or disability.

"Our medical staff is providing educational opportunities and referrals to agencies which could help our employees deal with potential health problems," said Dr. Prentiss Taylor, medical director, occupational medicine internist.

Others on the CTA medical staff are Dr. Ila Roman, general practitioner; Dr. Irma Realisa, internist; Dr. Tanya Jones, family practice, and Dr. Joseph Hinkamp, surgical and sports medicine.

CTA physicians are assisted by Registered Nurses Erlinda Lapid, and Mary Ledwith, and Medical Technician Kay Smith. Counselors Michael Stroden and Beverly Jackson of the Employee Assistance Program also work closely with the medical staff to aid employees and family members who wish help with alcohol and drug abuse, or emotional problems.

In addition, Dr. Taylor said the American Heart Association has asked the CTA Medical section as an employee health service, to join its "Heart-at-Work program" which is aimed at preventing heart disease through educational programs offered at the work site. The CTA medical director says he is currently working with local medical colleges in evaluating the "Heart-at-Work" program's potential for CTA.



An employment applicant sits in a sound-proof booth while Kay Smith, medical technician, conducts an audio test.

SKOKIE blacksmith welders proud of shop safety record



Blacksmith welders at Skokie Shops pause to receive a moment of recognition for the outstanding safety record the crew has sustained for nearly 18 months. Workers include (top left) Jerry Hornung, George Haenisch, superintendent; Elmer Fischer, Michael Fabian, Cesar Flores, and Mike Healy. Others are Foreman Ken Blocker (hammer), Mark Bianchini, Rodrigo Silva, and Jung Kim.

Blacksmith welding shop employees at Skokie are justifiably proud of their maintenance safety record, but they are not resting on their laurels.

Safety records indicate that the last maintenance accident in the 14-man shop was June 15, 1983 which means blacksmith welding workers have enjoyed nearly 18 months without a mishap.

In recognition of their safety accomplishments, shop employees pooled three gift certificates, each for \$25, and purchased 30 pounds of ribs, donated a variety of other food items, and treated themselves to a much deserved luncheon.

Besides the ribs, the menu included German potato salad, guacamole, pizza rolls, bread rolls, potato chips, and pop. The food was prepared by the wives of Rodrigo Silva, foreman Ken Blocker, Elmer Fischer, and Michael Fabian.

Jim Dudley, industrial safety supervisor, Engineering and Maintenance, called the pooling of the gift certificates "real teamwork." Dudley said that \$25 gift certificates are raffled when a shop has not had an accident for at least 12 months. "Although everybody could not win a certificate, everybody benefited from the certificates that were won," said Dudley.

For rider convenience

CTA Chairman Michael Cardilli and Eugene Mroz, Chairman of the Board, Gladstone-Norwood Trust and Savings Bank, cut a ribbon on May 22 officially opening the new 24-hour teller facilities of the Money Network System, located along Milwaukee Avenue on CTA property at Jefferson Park Terminal. Joining in the celebration of this new convenience for CTA riders and Gladstone-Norwood customers are (from left) Kenneth Fox, President, Gladstone-Norwood Trust and Savings Bank; Aurelia Pucinski, Commissioner, Metropolitan Sanitary District, and Rev. John Kuzinkas, Pastor, Our Lady of Victory Church.



The emergence of civilized man was the result of many factors, most notably the control and use of fire, development of simple hand tools, invention of the wheel and development of the internal combustion engine.

The internal combustion engine, the wheel and other mechanical do-dads resulted in cars, trains, buses and most importantly, the motorcycle. After the development of the motorcycle came the creation of an image problem

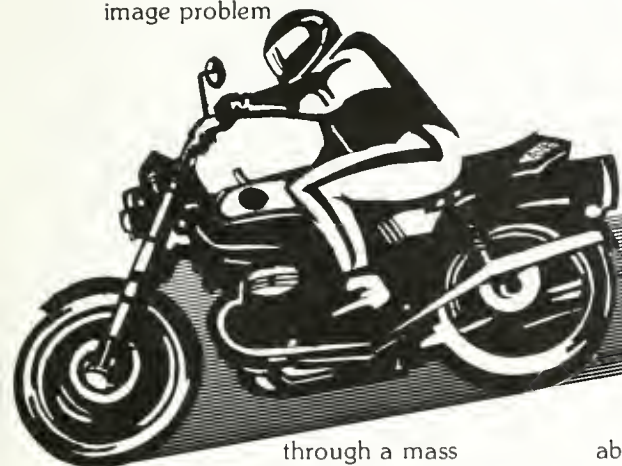
learn how to safely, skillfully, and knowledgeably ride a motorcycle. The course is offered at nine area colleges throughout the riding season. The training, which includes 12 hours of on-cycle and 8 hours of classroom instruction, is definitely not a cupcake course. Motorcycles and helmets are provided.

Students need only bring the proper protective clothing, a valid Illinois drivers license or permit, and the

"countersteering."

In addition to the basic Motorcycle Rider course, the Experienced Rider course, a one-day refresher which allows the experienced but rusty rider a chance to tune up skills, is also offered. If you want to learn about sidecars, touring, or mo-peds, special classes on these subjects are also offered.

Motorcycle safety course is fun and instructive by Tony Ambut



through a mass hysteria which was prompted by the grade B movie motorcycle gang stereotypes--unbathed, unshaven bikers drinking gallons of warm beer while terrorizing small towns in Indiana.

This image has softened somewhat in recent years. The advent of inexpensive but reliable machines has caused the motorcycling community to mushroom. Men and women, young and old, of all professions from executive to blue collar and homemaker to student, have discovered the pleasures of two-wheeled motoring. Motorcycling is a little bit different for everyone, running from the basic allure of anything forbidden, to the Zen-like peace that evolves between man, machine and the open highway.

Besides image there is another basic problem with motorcycling—when you fall off it hurts. There are many reasons for motorcycle-related injuries; the greatest, perhaps, is the lack of training.

Illinoisans are fortunate, however, to have some of the best training available anywhere, and its FREE.

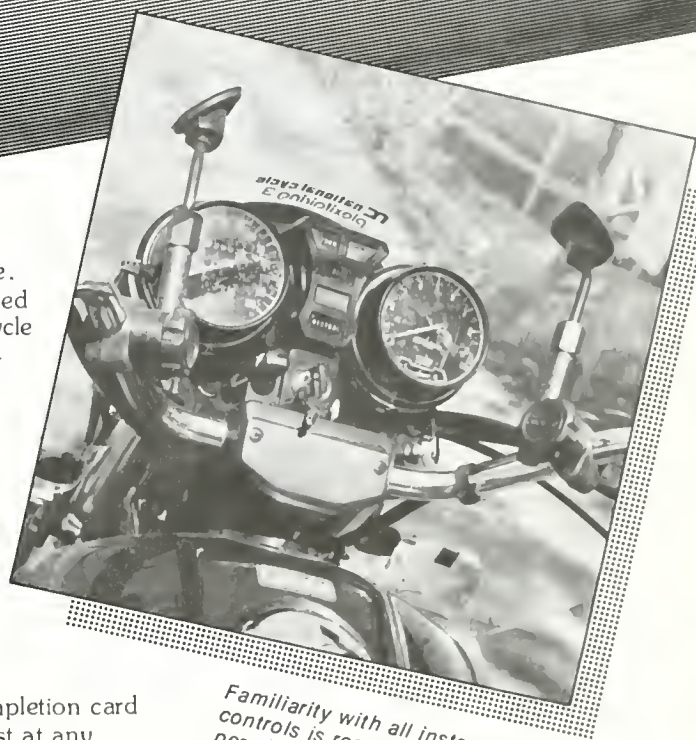
The Motorcycle Rider course is available to anyone who wants to

ability to ride a bicycle.

Being an experienced operator of a motorcycle is not necessary. Successful completion of the Motorcycle Rider course is said to give beginners the equivalent of five years riding experience. It may also mean an insurance discount.

Students who are 16 or 17 years old will receive a completion card permitting them to test at any Secretary of State licensing facility for an 'M' classification on their drivers license (over 150cc engine displacement). The course will not provide a license examination or a motorcycle to take the license examination.

Classes are kept small to allow for individual student attention. Topics include basic controls and their operation, defensive driving, maintenance, and how to select a motorcycle. All on-cycle instruction is conducted on a secure off-street area. Everyone walks the bike at first then proceeds to brake and clutch operation, slow riding, turns, and an evasive maneuver called



Familiarity with all instruments and controls is required before students are permitted to mount bikes.

An average Motorcycle Rider course class consists of 40 percent women and 60 percent men who range in age from 16 years old to senior citizen. Everyone comes to have fun, so you needn't hesitate to enroll.

Locations, schedules and enrollment information is available by writing Motorcycle Safety Program, Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Av., Chicago, IL 60625, or you may call 583-4050.

Commendation Corner

Felicia Clower (Limits garage) was regarded as "exceptional" by A. Reichel, of Melrose Street, who rode her No. 151 Sheridan bus. "She was the most courteous driver I've ever seen on a bus in over 26 years. She was always smiling, and answered all questions in a very pleasant manner. Three or four tourists got on and asked her for directions, which were given so well the people would have no difficulty arriving at their destinations. Her directions were so precise, the folks didn't ask any additional questions. I just had to let you know what a remarkable individual you have in driver #9419."



Joe Horace (77th Street garage) is "great" according to J. Merrill, of King Drive, who was a rider on his No. 4 Cottage Grove bus. "His concern is always for the safety of his passengers. He sweeps out his bus, cleans his windows. He gives directions and lends assistance when necessary. 'Watch your step' and 'Have a nice evening' are just a few of the kind words he gives that make your day. His personality, attitude and smile help to promote the motto 'Chicago — a city that cares.' I take my hat off to operator #6436."

Josephine Anderson (North Section) was the ticket agent at Western Avenue station on the Ravenswood route who helped Alfredo Valentin, of Eastwood Avenue, retrieve the briefcase he left at the station. "I was paying attention to the train that was coming, and I totally forgot about my briefcase. It wasn't until after the train started to move that I thought about it, and as soon as I got off at Rockwell, I ran to a telephone. I was transferred to a gentle lady in Central Operations. That lady called the Western station, and another lady (Agent #1434) went upstairs and got my briefcase. A minute later the southbound train was coming and I got on. When I got off, I looked over at the other side of the platform, and there was the lady with my briefcase. After she confirmed my identification, she gave it to me. I was the happiest man on earth."

Jeffrey Gilbert (North Section) was the conductor on an Englewood-Howard train that Donald Kess was riding northbound on his way home to Evanston. "I was impressed by the conductor. He called every stop clearly, gave information on connecting trains and buses (by name and number), had a clear, pleasant voice, and knew how to speak into a microphone — not too loudly and not too softly. In over 40 years of riding Chicago rapid transit, I have never seen a more pleasant and knowledgeable conductor. Congratulations to him and to the CTA."



Earl Burress (69th Street garage) impressed Rita Bollinger, of Stewart Avenue, with his courtesy as operator of a No. 75 74th/75th bus. "I have never failed to see him without a smile or a pleasant word expressed to everyone. He is very courteous and respectful, and remains in control at all times. Some passengers can make even the mildest-mannered people angry, but this driver always expresses sympathy with a pleasant word. He does not argue or become belligerent, yet he gets his point across and does his job. He calls out each stop, and on numerous occasions he has taken time to wait for those trying to catch his bus."

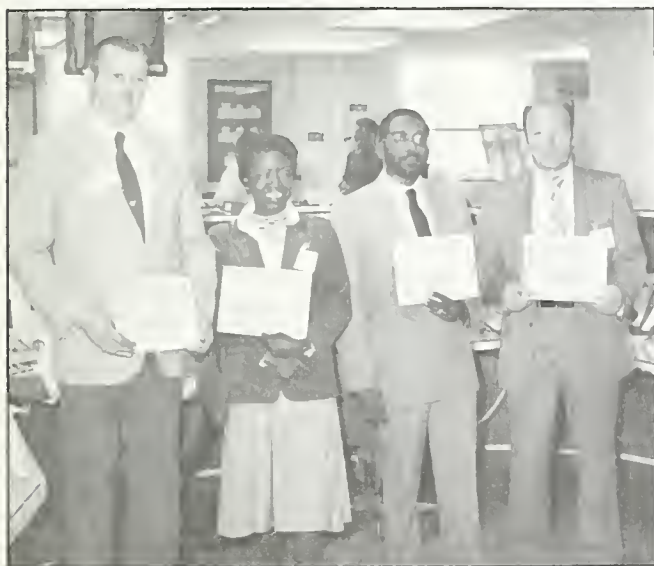
Wayne Wardlow (Kedzie garage) was appreciated by Juanita Miller, of South Laflin Street, who was a rider on his No. 16 Lake bus. "I had a court date and was not familiar with the CTA system. When I got off the Ashland bus at Lake Street, I was tired, hot and sweaty, and still not sure of how to get to traffic court. I asked the (Lake Street) driver for directions, and he was so courteous, informative and helpful, I almost couldn't believe it. I expected something else because I was asking too many questions, but he took his time and answered every one with a smile. He also gave me a CTA map and showed me where to go to get back home."

Joseph Solan Jr. (Forest Glen garage) was thanked by Cliff Worth, of Wilmette, for helping his daughter recover a purse she left late one night on a No. 92 Foster bus driven by **Falamarz Malekfar**, who turned it in. "After transferring to the Howard 'L' she realized her loss, left the train, and called us. My wife picked her up and they both drove to the Jefferson Park terminal. A grand driver named Joe called the garage and even led them there by having them follow his bus. The purse was returned to my daughter with close to \$40 in singles intact. I was elated at the 'over and above' service that your fine organization provides the citizens of Chicago and surrounding areas."

Claude Conwell (69th Street garage) was called "a very courteous driver" by Beverly Dyson, of South Winchester Avenue, who rode regularly on his No. 48 South Damen bus. "He would speak to the passengers in the morning, and even say, 'Good night' in the evening. On several occasions he would get out of his seat to help an elderly person, or would wait a few seconds for a person running for the bus. He is not a pushover, either, because when high school students try to smoke, he tells them to put them out and to keep the noise down. Even when people try to sneak on the bus, he says, 'Make it right,' and they do. I believe in giving credit where it's due."

DAY in CTA applauds rail, bus honorees

THANKS for a job well done



"Day in CTA" honorees proudly display certificates of special recognition presented to them during a visit with Operations management. The four employees, honored for outstanding service, are (from left) Simeon Daigle, Jr., instructor, Archer garage; Hattie Sandrella, motorman, Howard terminal; Irving Ramey, towerman, O'Hare terminal, and Jackie Pritt, supervisor, North Rail district.

Three rapid transit personnel and a bus instructor were honored with "A Day in CTA" for exceptional service.

Towerman Irving Ramey, assigned to O'Hare terminal, received special recognition for his prompt action to prevent extensive damage following a derailment, and for minimizing service delays.

Ramey witnessed the sixth car of an eight-car train on the North-South route derail at 61st street last December 5 as one of the brake calipers on the car fell off. After observing what happened, Ramey signaled the train to stop, thus preventing further damage to the tracks.

Meanwhile, motorman Hattie Sandrella experienced an unsettling event on the same route just three days later when a woman jumped to the tracks in front of her train.

Sandrella applied emergency braking and stopped her train approximately three to four feet from the woman. The Control Center was notified, police were called, and the woman was removed from the tracks.

The incident was particularly significant since only moments before the woman jumped to the tracks, motorman Sandrella was having difficulties stopping her train. She had already notified her conductor to check for a car that may possibly have cut out.

During another derailment on February 14, rail supervisor Jackie Pritt was on duty when a Skokie train left the tracks in the Howard yard and blocked northbound Evanston rail service. The incident happened shortly before 7 a.m.

Assessing the situation, Pritt went to the tower where he could view the area surrounding the derailment. From this position, and with the cooperation of the towerman, yard foreman, and switchman, Pritt was able to have trains moved promptly to provide continued service, and to minimize the delay on the Evanston route.

Bus instructor Simeon Daigle, Jr. of Archer garage was lauded with "A Day in CTA" honors for nearly 10 years of sustained superior performance on his job. Supervisors say Daigle's approach to instruction includes the prompt follow-up of accident situations and a search for ways to motivate operators.

He maintains personal contact, conducts frequent rides on target lines, and keeps abreast of current operating conditions. Daigle is credited with being the "driving force" behind North Avenue and Archer winning the Quarterly Safety Award for three quarters in 1976 and 1984, respectively.

Shahid Abdullah, 77th Street
Rosa Alfaro, Forest Glen
Katie Avery, North Avenue

Guido Barrera, North Park
Alvin Bond, North Avenue
Earl Burrell, 69th Street

Jean Cage, North Park
Eloise Carter, 77th Street
Val Church, Forest Glen
Gregory Cobbs, Limits
Dorothy Coleman, Forest Park
Robert Cossom, North Park
Armando Cuesta, North Park

Lawrence Davis, North Park
Leo Deckelmann Sr., Campaign Area
Lois Dodds, Archer
Antanas Drutys, Archer

Lincoln Eaton, Forest Glen
Darlene Emery, North Section

George Ferguson, 69th Street
Salvador Flores, North Avenue
Corrie Fowler, South Rail Dist

Tommie Garner, North Park
Jeffrey Gilbert, Howard Kimball
Wallacene Good, Forest Glen
Donald Goodar, 77th Street
Edgar Griffin Jr., North Avenue

Judy Hall, Forest Park
John Harper Jr., Archer
Rachel Hatch, 77th Street
Arthur Hawkins Jr., North Avenue
John Herron, North Avenue
Rosemary Hoskins, North Park

Zeke Jagst, North Park
William James, North Park
Cedric Johnson, Kedzie

Martin Kane, Howard Kimball
James Kolstad, Beverly

Paul Lane, Douglas, Congress
LeBlanc LeDree, Limits
Jesus Limas, North Park
Alfonzo Lucious, 69th Street
Walter Lynch, 69th Street

William Markowski, Forest Glen
Geraldine Mason, Limits
Ephraim Mauldin, 69th Street
Flora McClure, 69th Street
Vernon Mitchell, West Section
Angel Mojica, North Park
Juan Montes, North Park
Alvin Moore, Special Services
Ubaldo Munoz, North Park

Gloria Phillips, 69th Street
Eugene Price, Kedzie

Jose Ramos, Archer
J. D. Rice, 69th Street
Kenneth Richards, Limits
Ivan Rodez, North Park
Robert Rogers, 69th Street
Tova Ralston, Forest Park
Keith Rosche, Forest Glen
James Rubio, Archer
Rex Runnels, Jefferson Park

Daniel Sagal, Forest Glen
Bernabe Serrano, Forest Glen
Elliott Smith, Limits
Joseph Solan Jr., Forest Glen
Betty Spivey, 69th Street
Robert Surita, 77th Street
Thomas Swoope, 77th Street

Pleas Talley Jr., 69th Street
Lela Townes, 77th Street

Paul Vance Jr., Forest Glen
Frank Vazquez, Kedzie

Ben Wallace, Kedzie
DeLois West, 69th Street
Willie Whisenton, Limits
Laurence Whitney, Limits
Iona Williams, North Park
Claude Woods, Kedzie

Charles Young, Jefferson Park

Public Safety Awards

Beverly, O'Hare take Public Safety awards

Principal Public Safety Analyst Michael McCarthy (left) presents the Interstation Safety plaque to O'Hare terminal. Accepting is Assistant Superintendent Andrew Bishop.



The Interstation Safety plaque for first quarter of 1985 was presented to Beverly garage by CTA Safety Manager Tom Boyle (third from left). Accepting are (from left) Assistant Superintendent Robert Newman, and Station Superintendent Robert Julun. Area Superintendent Tom Riley was also on hand for the presentation.

The first quarter Public Safety Awards for 1985 were presented to Beverly garage, May 2, and O'Hare terminal, May 8, by representatives of the CTA Safety Department. Since Public Safety Awards were initiated in 1961, Beverly has won the coveted Interstation Safety plaque 21 times, and O'Hare terminal 17 times.

For the first quarter of 1985 Beverly had the third lowest traffic rate in the bus system. Its traffic rate of 4.53 accidents for every 100,000 miles was 18 percent better than the system rate of 5.54.

The south side garage, which experienced 46 accident-free days in the first quarter, had a passenger rate of 0.77 accidents per 100,000 miles, the best in the system, and 30 per cent better than the system rate of 1.10.

Meanwhile, it was the second consecutive Public Safety Award for O'Hare. The terminal's personnel experienced no passenger accidents during the quarter, and only two traffic accidents. The first quarter at O'Hare ended with 88 accident-free days and a traffic rate of 0.079, 51 per cent better than the system rate of 0.162.

Purchasing council honors CTA buyer



Ms. Carolyn Hardy displays the "Buyer of the Year" trophy for 1984 awarded to her during the 7th Annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair awards dinner May 7. Sharing the limelight is CTA Director of Procurement Al Martin.

Buyer Carolyn Hardy of the Materials Management department has been honored as "Buyer of the Year" for 1984 by the Chicago Regional Purchasing Council.

Ms. Hardy who joined CTA May 21, 1984, began her purchasing apprenticeship at Johnson Products Company in 1970. Prior to her CTA association she was Midwest regional purchasing manager for the Trade Sales Plant and Chemical Coatings Plant, Glidden Coatings and Resins Division of SMC Corporation.

A handsome trophy, in recognition of the prestigious honor, was presented Ms. Hardy on May 7 during the seventh annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair which convened at the Hyatt Regency.

The Chicago Business Opportunity Fair helps to further the year-around efforts of the Chicago Regional Purchasing Council, Inc., which is devoted to stimulating minority purchasing in Chicago.

Noting that it is vital that minorities be brought into the business mainstream, Ms. Hardy said, "I'm happy to be playing a role at CTA in making this a reality."

"I am delighted to see minorities make progress and I am glad to be playing some part in contributing to that progress."

Ms. Hardy is the mother of a son and a daughter.

West Shops worker is Croatian history buff

"William Vrtlar's travels... have also piqued his interest in the history of the "Lost Colony," a name given to early English settlers on Roanoke Island off the shore of what is now the state of North Carolina."



Move over Alex Haley and make room for William Vrtlar who also enjoys tracing his ancestral roots. Vrtlar's favorite pastime has taken him as far away as his native Yugoslavia, and to Roanoke Island in North Carolina.

A rail laborer at West Shops, Vrtlar is considered a bit of an authority on Croatian history. Since immigrating to the United States in 1966, he has spent much of his leisure researching the history of a little-known tribe of American-Canadian Indians of Croatian descent.

Historical data suggests that the first Croatians touched American soil long before the English. In 1541, a ship from Dubrovnik was wrecked near Cape Hatteras, and survivors of this shipwreck intermarried with friendly natives.

Children from these marriages as well as their descendants were called "Croatan Indians." Geographers and explorers believed then that India was located on the west coast of the Atlantic Ocean, thus they labeled the natives "Indians."

Vrtlar's travels between Yugoslavia and North Carolina have also piqued his interest in the history of the "Lost Colony," a name given to early English settlers on Roanoke Island off the shore of what is now the state of North Carolina.

History's account of this group is that the small band of Englishmen, sent by Sir Walter Raleigh, and led by Governor John White, landed at Roanoke on July 22, 1587, but a month later, White was forced to return to England for supplies.

England's war with Spain prevented White's return to Roanoke until 1590. When he and his party landed at Roanoke, they found the colonists were gone. The only traces of them to be found were the letters CRO carved on one tree and the word CROATAN carved on another.

It is believed the colonists were either carried off by passing Spaniards, were captured by hostile Indians, or intermarried with friendly Indians or other natives of the island. The most persuasive theory, however, is that the settlers undertook to sail to England and were lost at sea. Vrtlar continues to research the mystery, and has formed an organization in which others interested in pursuing their Croatian heritage or locating friends, may participate.

Retirees plans picnic

The CTA Senior Citizen Retirement organization will hold its annual picnic **Saturday, August 31** at National Grove -3, North Riverside, located two blocks west of Desplaines avenue at 26th street.

Secretary Jack Kalke said all CTA employees are cordially invited to participate in the day of fun where prizes will be available for all.

Kalke also said that hot dogs and liquid refreshments will be available for everyone, but suggested that picnic goers may wish to bring a lunch basket.

High Coffee Consumption = High Cholesterol

Men who drink more than three cups of coffee a day may be increasing their cholesterol levels and, thereby, their risk for cardiovascular disease. The finding comes from a study reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Paul T. Williams, MS, of Stanford University School of Medicine, and colleagues studied coffee intake and plasma lipoprotein levels in 77 middle-aged men. They found a positive correlation between the amount of coffee consumed and the levels of apolipoprotein B in men who drank more than two to three cups per day. This correlation was stronger after adjusting for age, cigarette use, body fat, aerobic capacity, nutrient intake and stress. Coffee intake was similarly related to total cholesterol and low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol. The causes of these relationships are not known.

"Our analyses suggest that coffee intake exceeding 2-1/2 to 3 cups per day is associated with elevated plasma concentrations of three well established cardiovascular risk factors: total cholesterol, LDL-cholesterol, and apolipoprotein B concentrations in a sample of sedentary, middle-aged men," the researchers say. They add that more studies of the relationships and the causality are needed.

OLDER 'L'

cars rehabbed from roof to wheels

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The Chicago Transit Authority is rehabilitating 45 of its older 'L' cars from wheels to roofs to give them at least 10 more years of service and to provide more comfortable riding.

"The average cost of rebuilding each car is \$188,000," said CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli. "We expect to add at least 10 years of dependable service to these cars which are now 25 years old. This is a tremendous saving for us since the replacement cost would probably average at least \$600,00 for each car."

The 45 cars are used primarily on the Skokie Swift and Evanston rapid transit routes serving those suburbs on Chicago's Far North Side, plus the village of Wilmette.

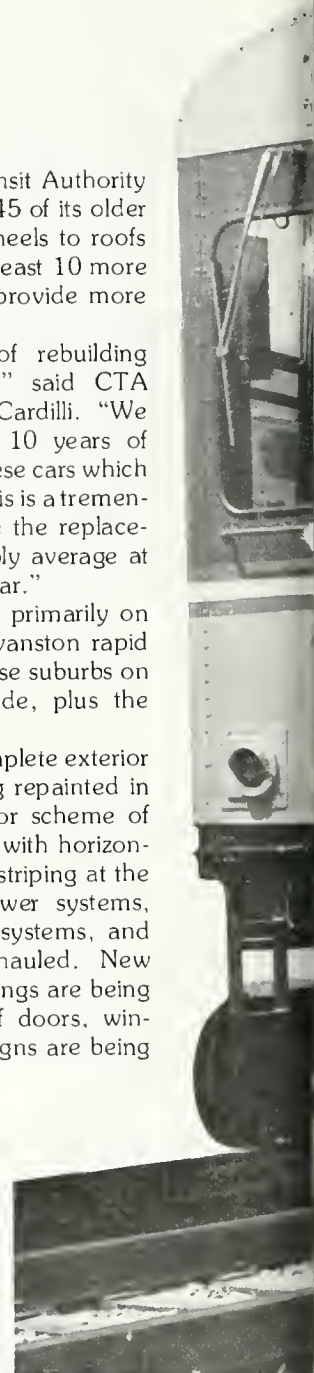
Each car is getting complete exterior body repair and is being repainted in the CTA's standard color scheme of silver and charcoal gray with horizontal red, white, and blue striping at the window ledge. The power systems, heating and ventilating systems, and trucks are being overhauled. New shock absorbers and springs are being installed. Worn parts of doors, windows, and destination signs are being replaced.

Cars in service on the Skokie Swift route will get new pantographs used for the overhead power supply.

The interior of the cars will be decorated with painted cream ceilings and upper walls and with walnut wood-grained melamine panels from the window base to the floor. All seats are being reupholstered.

This \$8.5 million contract was awarded to the Morrison-Knudsen Company of Hornell, N.Y., the lowest of four qualified bidders.

All of the rehabilitated cars are expected to be in service by December 1 of this year. The four, 38-year-old three-section articulated cars now operating on the Skokie Swift route will be retired later this year when all 45 cars have had the work completed.



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H.S.
Patricia Glines
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Antioch Upper
Genuel Almodovar
North Park



CARMEN ARNOLD
Loop College
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Nursing
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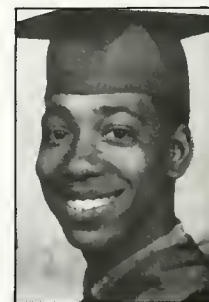
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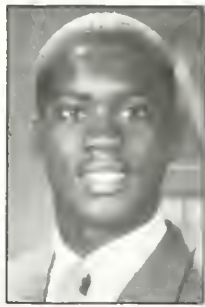
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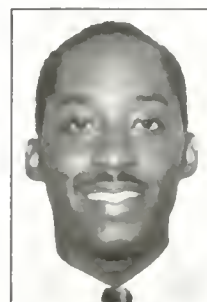
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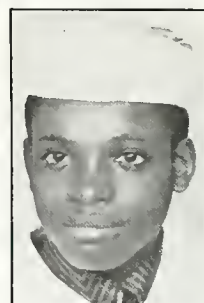
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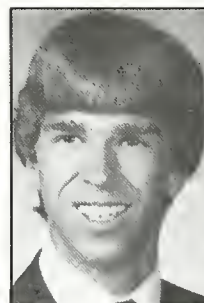
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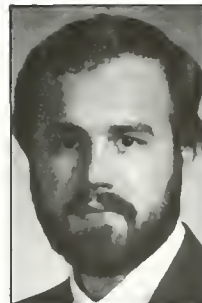
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St. Helena
Robert Reed
Washington Garage



MORGAN L. REEVES
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Training Center



LYNN ROCKWELL
Taft H.S.
Bob Rockwell
Mgmt. Info. Systems



SCOTT ROCKWELL
Univ. of Illinois
Bob Rockwell
Mgmt. Info. Systems



DAVID ROMANS
Whitney Young H.S.
H. Moore
District "D"



MICHAEL JAMES ROMBOUT
Gordon Tech H.S.
Joseph Rombout
Rosemont



LAURA L. SANDOVAL
Madonna H.S.
Ivadel J. Sandoval
North Park



MICHAEL SAWYER
St. Ignatius Col. Prep
Ernest Sawyer
Planning & Devel.
Theresa Sawyer
Claims



LINCOLN W. SEABROOKS
DeVry Inst. of Tech.
Frank W.
Seabrooks, Jr.
West Shops



MICHAEL EDWARD SCHNITZIUS
Holy Cross H.S.
Edward J. Schnitzius
North Park



HUGH D. SHORT, JR.
Kenwood Academy
H.S.
Hugh D. Short, Sr.
District "A"



DAVID J. STEPHEN
Chicago Vocational
H.S.
James D. Stephen
Control Center



KIMBERLY Y. STEVENS
Jones Metropolitan
H.S.
Gideon Stevens, Jr.
63rd Ashland Term



**ROSALYN
TANKSLEY**
Academy of Our Lady
Joe Tanksley
North Section



MARY ANN TAYLOR
Lindbloom H.S.
Earl J. Burress
69th Street



**GERALD
THOMPSON**
Kenwood Academy
Olivia Thompson
Administrative Services



DANA LOVE WHITE
Lindbloom H.S.
Harvey L. White
69th Street



BYRON G. WILLIS
Leo H.S.
Edward Willis
69th Street



MYRON L. WILLIS
Leo H.S.
Edward Willis
69th Street



VERANDA WILLIS
Michael Reese Hosp.
School of
Cytotechnology
Edward Willis
69th Street



**BRUCE J.
WILLIAMS**
Brother Rice H.S.
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District "A"



DOREEN WILSON
Bloom H.S.
Darothy Wilson
North Section/Kimball



**VERONIKA K.
WILSON**
Lane H.S.
James M. Wilson
Beverly



STEVE WOOL
Evanston Township
H.S.
Leon Wool
Claims



TRILBE WYNNE
Kenwood Academy
Robert Wynne
95th Terminal

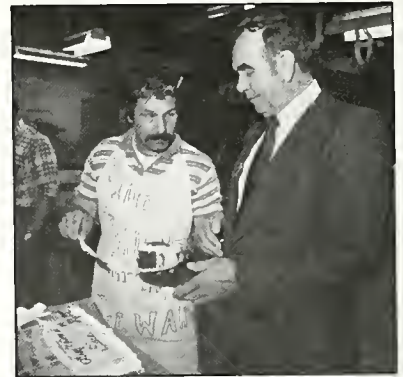


CAROL YOUNG
Foreman H.S.
Alphonso Young
Forest Glen



STEVEN ZANIN
Glenbard East H.S.
Chuck Zanin
Administrative Servs.

Jedynak celebrates retirement and good fortune



Ed Jedynak prepares to enjoy the first piece of his retirement cake served by Vito Skorupski, carpenter and union steward.

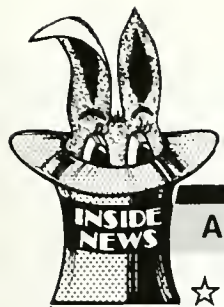
"I come from a long line of cabinet makers, going all the way back to Prague, Czechoslovakia," explains Edward Jedynak, a carpenter assigned to Wilson Shop. He and his three brothers (including Mitchell, who also works for CTA and will retire next year) are carpenters, as were their father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Their family tradition of fine craftsmanship has earned the respect of co-workers.

"Ed Jedynak and I worked as partners when he first joined CTA in 1969. I didn't have to teach him a thing," said unit supervisor Joseph Fucarino. "He knows more about carpentry, woodworking, and cabinet making than anyone I know or ever heard about. Ed is an artist with wood."

Jedynak loved his work, and he and his wife, Josepha, raised two daughters in their home in the Jefferson Park community. But they also faced the prospect of receiving less than full retirement benefits when he would retire in 1988 at age 65, with less than the required 20 years of service.

But Jedynak's fortune took a turn for the better last year. So, on May 30, Wilson Shop workers gathered at a party organized by Vito Skorupski, shop steward and recording secretary of Carpenter's Union Local 1027, and carpenter Leonard Nelson, to celebrate Jedynak's early retirement.

On December 29, 1984, Jedynak won \$2,999,660 in the Illinois State Lottery. His lottery "pension" is more than \$12,000 per month (before taxes), and his CTA pension will be nice spending money while he and his wife are touring the world.



THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

☆ MEET YOUR REPORTER ☆



Greetings. I'm your Inside News Reporter for Transit News. If you wish to share any interesting bits of news or know someone you would like to commend, contact me on extension 4861 in the Mart. Only with your help can we make Inside News a success and make the magazine more interesting and exciting to read.

Sincerely,
Arlene Zittman

Materials Management

Barbara Schmitz, executive secretary, Operations (on leave of absence), visited Auntie **Carol Griseto**, executive secretary, Materials Management, with nine-month-old **Ericka**. Baby Ericka's daddy, **Bruce**, works in Maintenance. You can see that it's a family affair. Bruce, Barbara, and the baby will vacation in Florida and afterwards Barbara will return to work... **Ruthanne Miles**, unit supervisor, Records Center, fell and broke her wrist. She thanks everyone for remembering her during this recent accident. Hope to see you back soon... **Ella Otis**, procedures analyst, and **Willie Otis**, instructor, North Park, are very proud of their one and only child, **Marcus**, who graduated from the University of Chicago Laboratory Middle School in June. Because of his scholastic aptitude, Marc was selected to participate in the Bright and Talented Program held at the North Shore Day Country School in Winnetka on Saturdays. Marc will attend Brother Rice high school in the fall, and his goal in life is to be a doctor. Good luck in your endeavors, Marc... All of us extend our deepest sympathy to **Rita Krueger**, who lost her brother suddenly, and to retired Stores employee **Nick LaCorcia**, whose wife passed away... Buyer of the Year Award went to our own **Carolyn S. Hardy**. Minority vendors in the Chicago area voted her this award. It was sponsored by the Minority Business Subcouncil of the Chicago Regional Purchasing Council, Inc. Awards were presented at the 7th Annual Buyer Awards Dinner May 7, which was held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel. Congratulations, Carolyn.

Treasury

David Munyer Jr., cashier, retired June 1 with 33 years of service. His many friends and co-workers celebrated this happy occasion at a dinner held in his honor at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, Buttons restaurant. David, his wife **Karen**, a former Claim Department employee, and their daughter, **Christa**, are retiring to San Diego, California. We'll miss you, Dave... **Linda Martinez**, Sales Section, recently resigned to become a full-time mother. She plans to spend

some time in Mexico this summer. Many of her friends wished her well at a luncheon and dinner. Good luck, Linda... Congratulations to newlywed **Alan Sabol**, bank ledger bookkeeper.

Operations

Pat Dunek, executive secretary, Administrative Services, spent two weeks in Madeira Beach, Florida, sharing a condo with her brother **Jim** and his wife, **Linda**. Pat returned to work sporting a nice suntan. Pat also wants us to know that she is proud of her twin nephews, **John** and **Paul**, who graduated from grade school. Congratulations, boys. By the way, the twins think Pat is a super-auntie.

Management Services

John Schwartz, special projects coordinator, retired July 1 with 42 years of service. A retirement luncheon was held at the M&M Club. John won't have much time to miss us because soon after his retirement, he'll be off for a well-deserved vacation. When he returns he plans to join other retirees **Dagmar McNamara** (Materials Management) and **Bill Ashley** (Insurance & Pensions), to mention a couple, who volunteer at the Art Institute. John also wants to catch up on things that we all somehow put off while we are working. Good luck, John. I'm sure we'll still see John around the 7th floor of the Mart, because he will remain the President of the CTA General Office Federal Credit Union... Our librarian, **Lill Culbertson**, wishes to thank her CTA friends for all their prayers and cards that she received during her illness. Hope to see her back at the catalog file soon... **LaVerne Schultz**, supervisor, Office Services, and her husband, **Ed**, are proud grandparents for the first time. Their daughter, **Karen**, who worked here summers while going to college, and her husband, **Craig**, welcomed their new son, **Ross Steven**, on April 10. Ross weighed in at 7 pounds, 10½ ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Retirees

Marge Dorgan, retired key punch operator, visited her friends at the Mart. Would you believe Marge has been retired for five years? Time does fly by quickly, especially when you're having fun... **Mable Potthast**, Accounting, wants to be remembered to all her friends at the Mart. Mable keeps busy traveling and taking care of her family, especially her little dog.

Arlene Zittman

North Park

Wondering where to go on vacation? Well, check with instructor **W. J. Prunell**, who recently spent two weeks in Frankfurt, Germany, with the Army Reserve, coordinating logistics and studying the German public transportation system. While there, he also had an opportunity to visit the Wall separating East and West Germany... Supervisor **Les Isaacson** will be one of those proud parents watching when his daughter, **Lena**, graduates from grammar school this June... Hang your heads in shame, gentlemen! Operator

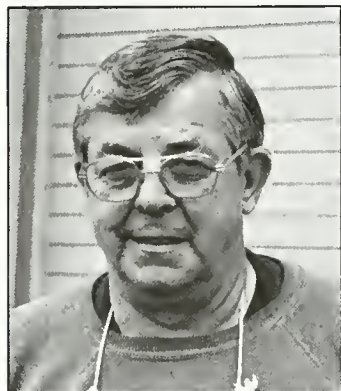


Vicki Nesbit just picked up another trophy along with a \$50 cash prize, which she won in a recent competition with 30 other contestants in a billiards tournament. This trophy joins another on her mantle, which attests to her cue stick skill...Yes, those bulletin boards in our training room which suddenly have so much interesting information that most of us can't help smiling when first seeing it, are due to Team Leader #5, **Rosemary Hoskins Walker**, who also asks that anyone with artistic drawing skills please contact her...Operator **Ed Unrein's** son, **Edward**, and daughter-in-law, **Cheryl**, recently presented him with his first grandson, **Bryan**, who weighed in at 8 and one-half pounds. Mom, Dad, and Bryan live in Orlando, Florida.
Mike Flores



Bryan Charles Unrein

Skokie Shop



Stan Barnas

A popular employee in area 428 is retiring the first of July. He will be missed very much by his co-workers. His cheerful smile and his stellar personality is like a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day. We, his co-workers, hope that his desire to take **Delia** on that trip around the world will be fulfilled. Lot's of luck, **Stan Barnas**! On August 17, Skokie Shop will hold it 10th Annual Golf Outing at Villa Olivia. Shoot for the birdie, guys...On May 9, **Ann Porcaro**, the wife of **Jerry Porcaro**, Skokie electrician, gave birth to a baby boy, **Luke**. Congratulations!..This past April 12, **Dale Jones**, machinist, became engaged to **Shelagh Dawe**, an executive secretary for Associates Commercial Corporation. The wedding is scheduled for May 4, 1986. Welcome to the club, buddy.
Greg Winski

Internal Audit

Who was handing out pink-foil-wrapped chocolate cigars in April? **Mike Hoffert** of Photographic, to celebrate the birth on April 15 of little **Laura Renee**. Laura weighed in at 6 pounds, 12 ounces at Humana Hospital in Hoffman Estates. Mom **Linda** is doing fine, and sisters **Kathy** and **Beth** will show Laura the ropes. Congratulations!..And bouncing Aries No. 2, **Jonathan Rowan Walton**, came into this world on April 17, making **Helene (Bunny) Greiman**, Promotional Ser-

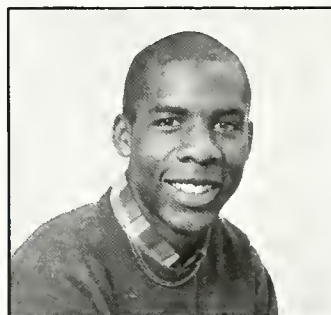


Laura Renee Hoffert

vices, a proud auntie. Jonathan weighed in at 7 pounds, 14 ounces. Congratulations to Mom **Laurie** and Dad **Peter Walton**...**Tamara Rodgers**, the daughter of **Thelma Rodgers**, Administrative Services, Duplicating Section, received the Juris Doctorate degree from Loyola University School of Law on June 16. Currently a law clerk with James D. Montgomery and Associates, Ms. Rodgers will practice law in the Chicago area after she is admitted to the bar and licensed...**Gerald L.**



Tamara Rodgers



Gerald L. Thompson

Boys' Track and Field title at Robeson High School. Thompson was featured on the back page of the April **Transit News**...**Robin Hasemann**, a sophomore at Luther North High School, has been unanimously voted to the PSL All-Conference Team of the United States. Robin, the daughter of **Robert Hasemann Sr.**, unit supervisor, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, was the only person selected in Illinois. As a sophomore, she was elected co-captain of the Varsity Squad this season, and broke two school records. Her season total was 539 points, with 298 rebounds, and 69 per cent at the free-throw line.



Robin Hasemann

Joyce Petrich

69th Street

Welcome back to operator **Zola Harrington** (4837) after a nine-week sick leave for wrist surgery...Heart-felt sorrow for operator **Wilbur Milner** (2700) who recently returned from Richmond, Virginia, where his sister's family was involved in a tragic fire, which ended in the loss of their home. The family was hospitalized for smoke inhalation...Condolences go out to operator **Ruthie Ferguson** (3285) in the loss of her mother on March 18...Operator **Gus Jones** (5152), off since January 1 when first injured on duty, suffered a stroke. He is still off sick and missed very much...Operator **Robert Crockett** (2807), off sick since January 10, is very ill, and would like to hear from his friends...Good to see operator **Beverly Dortch** (12722)



back. Her friendly smile was missed...A very special welcome back to our chief clerk, **Tom Randall**, who returned to work April 28 after more than a two-week leave due to illness. When asked how he felt, Tom said, "A little weak, but nothing that a little TLC wouldn't take care of." We're glad you're back, Chief...Operator **Frank Jones** (5843) suffered a heart attack on April 27, and was taken to Holy Cross Hospital. Frank had to undergo surgery, and is now recovering. Our prayers are with you, Frank...VACATION TIME: Visiting relatives in Evergreen and Houma, Louisiana, for 10 days was operator **Frank Goudeau** (4902). Frank says he gained a few pounds. Even though it rained every day he managed to get around to see a lot of nice places. Frank thinks he might consider retiring there...

Operator **Isaac Taylor** (3445) is a very proud uncle. His niece, **Wanda**



Wanda Bell

Bell, graduated from Evansville University. Congratulations, Wanda ... Operator **Keith Griffith** (12053) was seen sneaking off to Friendship and Adams, Wisconsin, for a one-week stay with a close friend. Secret rendezvous, Keith?...Operator **Rosetta Jones** (7080) enjoyed a two-week vacation, just relaxing at home. It's good just to get a break away from work, she says. I know the feeling well...Operator **Mary Ann Scott** (13355) and her son, **Michael**, are off to Noxubee County, a suburb of McComb, Mississippi, to visit her grandparents and also to visit her mother's grave site. Fresh air and peace is what Mary Ann says she seeks. Any prospects of seeking a new spouse?...Just having fun in the sun is operator **Donna Black** (13105), vacationing in Los Angeles, California, for two weeks...The First Church of Deliverance held a birthday celebration at the M&M Club in the Merchandise Mart for their pastor, Rev. **Eugene Gray**. At their special request, operator **LaVerne Williams** (4593) drove the charter because this is her church. What a way to go, LaVerne...Operator **Janie Boyd** (4363) knows how to enjoy her birthday, which was on May 19. She left on a Fantasy Cruise to Nassau and Miami Beach, Florida.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

February

35 Years

James Haynie, South Shops
Robert Madison, Beverly
Raymond Rogers, District A
James Smith, 69th Street
Thomas Stepp, Claims

30 Years

James Bell, Special Services
William Coyle, Bldg./Wiring
Rodman Dougherty, Proc. Engineers
Frank Halper, Signal, Phone & Radio
Frank Kostrzewa Jr., Forest Glen
Dominic Lochirco, Archer

25 Years

Alex Carter Jr., 77th Street
James Christman, 77th Street
Edward Colwell, Rail Service
David Curry Jr., Rail Pers.-North
L. Fletcher, District C
Donald Gilligan, Rail Pers.-North
Robert Johnson, Rail Dist.-North
Edward Lawson, 69th Street
David Martin, Operations Control
Leonard Nelson, General Maint
Marshall Price, 77th Street
Gerald Rosenberg, North Section
Andrew Shaw Jr., South Shops
Harold Smith, 69th Street
John Stiles, Howard/Kimball
Harold Thurbush, Rail Service
Harrell Walker, 77th Street

May

35 Years

Glenn Andersen, Ind. Eqp't. Design
Lewis Both, North Park
James Jackson Jr., Archer
Willie Kanady, 69th Street
Joseph LaBellarte, Des Plaines
Walter Rakauskis, Utility

30 Years

Robert Dillar, North Park
Booker Henry, Special Services
Joseph Lazzara, Prog. Implmt.

Winmon Lewis Jr., South Shops
Joe Moore, Track & Roadway
Thomas Randall, 69th Street
Ralph Stuart, 77th Street

25 Years

Walter Caston, Bus Pers.-South
Samuel Cook, 69th Street
Carroll Dalton, Esc. Mice
Richard Dorsch, North Avenue
Vincent Gasparaitis, Sig., Phone & Radio
Wilbur Martz, Jefferson Park
John Perkins, Bus Instruction
Bill Slankard, Charter/Pass Rev

June

40 Years

Regina Daren,
Human Resources



35 Years

Theodore Love Jr., Archer
Harry Reddrick Jr., Operations
Edward White Jr., District C

30 Years

Ovelton Blanchard, District A
Jimmie Hill, 69th Street
Henry Jackson, Special Services
Michael Keating, Support Servcs
Eugene Reid, General Mice.
Eller Williams, District A

25 Years

Stanley Barnes, South Shops
Henry Frezell, Kedzie
Richard Griseto, Subst. Mice.
Talmadge Ireland Jr., Archer
Adam Knerr, Track & Roadway
James McMahon, Stores-North
Salvatore Muscarello, North Park
Richard Power, Archer
Hugh Short, Bus Service
Anthony Velcich, Support Services

Pensioners

May

ARNOLD CAMPBELL, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-11-60
ANTONIO CHAVEZ, Ticket Agent,
95th Street, Emp. 12-3-62
LAWRENCE COSTLEY, Collector,
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-30-57
FREDERICK DECHON,
Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 4-19-47
JAMES DORSEY, Switchman,
61st Street, Emp. 12-21-57
NICK FIERAMOSCA, Car Rep. A,
Harlem Shop, Emp. 4-2-53
CHARLIE FLORENCE, Towerman,
O'Hare Terminal, Emp. 3-1-49
THOMAS FREEMAN, Instructor,
O'Hare Terminal, Emp. 12-5-47
VENETIA HELM, Ticket Agent,
63rd & Ashland, Emp. 3-23-57
JOHN KURGAN, Upholsterer Frmn.,
South Shops, Emp. 10-18-44
TIMOTHY O'ROURKE,
Claim Representative,
Law/Claims, Emp. 10-22-46
JOHN ROCHE, Escalator Serviceman,
West Shops, Emp. 8-7-46
LAWRENCE ROGERS,
Money Handler I,
77th Street, Emp. 2-14-78
FRANK TURSICH, Elec. Engr. III,
West Shops, Emp. 10-31-77
WILLIAM WARD, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 6-12-57
ELOISE WASH, Ticket Agent,
Kimball, Emp. 9-26-64
EARL WILLIAMS, Bus Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 4-18-55

Disability Retirements

FELIX CULL, Rail Janitor,
Madison/Wabash, Emp. 10-11-65
STERLING MOUNDAY, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 7-22-71
EDWARD RICH, Collector,
77th Street, Emp. 7-28-60

June

JOHN BOLAND, Supvr., Prop. Mgmt.
& Rptg., Fin. Svcs., Emp. 2-25-43
FRANK CHIAPPETTA, Car Repairer A,
Harlem Shop, Emp. 10-31-51
GORDON EGGERS, B. Electrician,
West Shops, Emp. 11-2-67
MARTIN ENGSTROM, Supt., Fac. Tech
Svcs., West Shops, Emp. 5-5-75
JOSEPH FLORES, Collector,
North Avenue, Emp. 10-22-64
MICHAEL GRICKI, Bus Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 5-2-57
JOHN JANKUS, Supply Contr. Coord.,
South Shops, Emp. 11-13-46
EDWARD JEDYNAK, Carpenter,
West Shops, Emp. 12-29-69
DOMICELLA KALWASINSKI,
Bindery Wrk.,
South Shops, Emp. 1-12-60
ROBERT KILPATRICK, Rail Janitor,
Madison/Wabash, Emp. 10-3-52
JOSEPH LECHMAN, Steamfitter,
West Shops, Emp. 1-29-75
ROBERT LONG, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 9-19-60
STANLEY LUPINA, Serv. Truck Chauff.
West Shops, Emp. 1-11-51
WILBUR MARTZ, Conductor,
O'Hare Terminal, Emp. 5-2-60
DAVID MUNYER, Cashier I,
Treasury, Emp. 3-19-52
CONSTANTINO PAONESSA, Laborer,
West Shops, Emp. 5-26-70
SILAS SEVERSON, Substation Util. Man.,
West Shops, Emp. 6-24-54
MARVIN SIKES, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-16-62
BRUNO VANDERVELDE, Bus Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 8-18-60

Disability Retirements

BILLY SCOTT, Bus Operator,
Limits, Emp. 3-20-67



on May 17...**SPECIAL EVENTS:** This reporter has reason to be doubly proud of sons **Terrence P. Head** and **Kenneth R. Elam**. Terrence has been accepted for a one-year scholarship to Weber High School, and an offer to play on the basketball team. Kenneth has been accepted for admission in the engineering program at the University of Illinois in Urbana with a four-year scholarship. He ranks 25 out of 315 in the 1985 graduating class at Hillcrest High School, Country Club Hills. He is also awaiting appointment of admission to the Naval Academy.

Ellie Head

North Section

The birth of a daughter to **Jim** and **Rochelle Unnerstall** of Bethesda, Md., makes this reporter a proud grandmother for the first time. Baby **Lara Nicole**, born April 15, tipped the scales at 8 pounds, 3 ounces. Jim is a former North Park bus operator. He is currently finishing post-doctorate studies at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda...**Rhonda Brent**, 19, the daughter of North Section ticket agent **Charlotte F. Brent**, is an aviation airman apprentice serving with the U.S. Navy at China Lake, California, where she is training as an air controller. After graduation, Airman Apprentice Brent expects to be assigned to duty in the Far East or the European Theater. Miss Brent is a 1983 alumnus of Percy L. Julian High School, and is a former member of the Antioch Baptist inspirational choir...Agent Supervisor **Betty Stephenson** has bounced back to good health following major surgery.



Rhonda Brent

Betty looks great, and she has acquired a new hobby of landscape gardening. She has been busy turning her backyard into a showplace. Some of the materials she is using include rocks, urns, and railroad ties. She also utilized sedum as a ground cover, providing a soft green background for dahlias and gladiolae, which are only a few of the many lovely plants she is using.

Jo Anderson

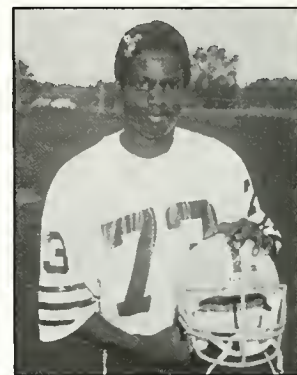
Police Liaison



Jim Lamont and Osker Klose

Osker worked out of South Shops...**Martin Willis**, 16, a junior at Bremen High School, Midlothian, and the son of Transit News Editor **Rick** and **Dorothy Willis**, was inducted into the National Honor Society April 24. Willis' scholastic achievement through a dual system of special honors courses as well as regular curriculum study, has boosted his grade point average to 4.78. A minimum 4.4 GPA of a possible 5.0 is required for

Pensioner **Jim Lamont** (left), retired Jan. 8, visited pensioner **Osker Klose** and his wife, **Lois**, while in Vero Beach, Fla., for the winter. Osker has been retired for over 22 years, and enjoyed hearing about all his CTA friends again. Both Jim and



Martin Willis

IN MEMORIAM

May

JOSEPH BLAA, 89, Transportation, Emp 9-14-25, Died 4-20-85
 RUSSEL C. BROOKS, 65, North Avenue, Emp 6-19-58, Died 3-31-85
 JOHN P. BUKOWSKI, 84, Forest Glen, Emp 3-28-23, Died 4-4-85
 CHARLEY BULLIE, 90, Shops & Equip., Emp 3-16-43, Died 3-26-85
 RUTH E. BUSSE, 81, Payroll Acctg., Emp 5-1-24, Died 4-6-85
 FRANK A. CESAFSKY, 81, Shops & Equip., Emp 12-19-29, Died 3-3-85
 ROBERT J. CIESLA, 72, North Park, Emp 5-5-42, Died 4-19-85
 RUPERT T. CRABB, 63, Forest Glen, Emp 10-30-58, Died 4-6-85
 STEPHEN A. CULLOTON, 84, North Section, Emp 2-14-45, Died 4-2-85
 JOSEPH H. DRAUS, 81, Shops & Equip., Emp 2-20-29, Died 4-3-85
 PAUL P. DUCAR, 74, South Section, Emp 4-11-41, Died 4-19-85
 DANIEL C. EIERDAM, 81, Lawndale, Emp 12-5-21, Died 4-28-85
 PETER J. FOTOPoulos, 92, Shops & Equip., Emp 9-20-13, Died 4-17-85
 TOBBIE P. GOWANS, 58, South Shops, Emp 3-9-61, Died 4-19-85
 HARRY G. HACKBARTH, 79, Archer, Emp 10-27-33, Died 3-25-85
 EDWARD HERATY, 84, Office Services, Emp 3-3-23, Died 1985

LOWELL G. HOBBS, 83, 77th Street, Emp 10-5-25, Died 3-27-85
 HUBERT L. JONES, 57, Lawndale, Emp 11-1-56, Died 4-9-85
 EDWARD R. JOYCE, 71, Oper. Planning, Emp 8-18-69, Died 4-14-85
 FRANK T. KARL, 75, North Park, Emp 4-14-43, Died 4-16-85
 WALTER H. LUBBEN, 81, West Section, Emp 11-22-22, Died 4-17-85
 JOHN P. O'CONNOR, 60, Oper. Planning, Emp 6-5-46, Died 4-22-85
 JOSEPH P. O'CONNOR, 76, 52nd Street, Emp 1-11-28, Died 4-14-85
 IGNATIUS P. O'SHAUGHNESSY, 86, Electrical, Emp 3-8-18, Died 1-19-85
 DANIEL F. PRISBLE, 71, North Park, Emp 7-28-42, Died 4-28-85
 JOSEPH W. REDER, 82, North Section, Emp 7-21-27, Died 4-10-85
 ROLLA L. RENTFRO, 91, Shops & Equip., Emp 12-12-44, Died 4-6-85
 MARGARET B. ROCHFORD, 84, Transportation, Emp 5-28-42, Died 4-5-85
 MICHAEL J. RYAN, 93, 77th Street, Emp 4-10-15, Died 1-31-85
 GEORGE SLADEK, 75, Shops & Equip., Emp 6-30-45, Died 4-29-85
 SIMON K. STENBERG, 85, Shops & Equip., Emp 8-28-29, Died 4-22-85
 RALPH TALARICO, 94, Kedzie, Emp 3-24-20, Died 4-12-85
 HERBERT TEMPLEMAN, 92, West Section, Emp 4-28-30, Died 4-3-85

JAMES T. WELTON, 72, Skokie, Emp 5-15-44, Died 4-10-85
 WINFRED W. WILSON, 79, Kedzie, Emp 8-15-42, Died 3-1-85
 VICTOR ZASTERA, 69, Plant Maint., Emp 5-6-37, Died 4-5-85

April

JOHN W. BURKE, 86, 61st Street, Emp 2-11-24, Died 3-9-85
 ANTHONY CARDIFF, 89, Forest Glen, Emp 7-24-23, Died 3-26-85
 JOSEPH M. CHAZINSKI, 72, North Avenue, Emp 8-25-42, Died 3-22-85
 JULIAN CICHON, 74, Electrical, Emp 4-6-39, Died 3-27-85
 PATRICK J. CLARKE, 79, Engineering, Emp 10-17-47, Died 3-1-85
 ARTHUR E. CONOBY, 80, Howard Street, Emp 7-26-48, Died 3-10-85
 ANTON V. DAHL, 82, Limits, Emp 11-10-36, Died 2-7-85
 GEORGE W. FROST, 93, North Section, Emp 1-23-15, Died 3-13-85
 PATRICK HARRINGTON, 94, Kedzie, Emp 3-11-26, Died 3-27-85
 MAURICE G. HOWELL, 79, North Park, Emp 2-16-42, Died 3-1-85
 ELMER JOHNSON, 91, Shops & Equipment, Emp 8-16-24, Died 3-11-85
 CATHERINE F. KENNY, 87, Emp 11-12-42, Died 3-3-85
 PETER J. KLEIN, 89, Armitage, Emp 1-14-29, Died 3-22-85

GEORGE P. KUBANDA, 68, Forest Glen, Emp 7-18-46, Died 3-28-85
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 THOMAS KURTZER, 89, Claim, Emp 6-19-29, Died 3-28-85
 FRED A. LESLIE, 82, Transportation, Emp 2-20-42, Died 3-31-85
 CATHERINE P. McALLISTER, 69, Sr. Clerk, Emp 11-8-43, Died 3-9-85
 LOUIS R. MENKEN, 79, West Section, Emp 1-16-43, Died 3-5-85
 EUGENE J. MERSKI, 81, Archer, Emp 2-27-45, Died 12-25-84
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 EDWIN H. PLATH, 73, North Section, Emp 10-17-47, Died 3-16-85
 CHARLES PLATT, 75, Forest Glen, Emp 6-7-51, Died 3-20-85
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 FRANK E. RUND, 78, Stores, Emp 2-1-28, Died 3-11-85
 CHARLES G. SIMPSON, 82, 61st Street, Emp 4-11-44, Died 3-9-85
 CHARLES J. VLASEK, 73, West Section, Emp 2-1-74, Died 3-20-85
 CHARLES J. WEHRSTEIN, 74, North Sect., Emp 10-23-45, Died 3-11-85



NHS...The United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Local 1027, had a dinner dance on May 17 at the Delphian House in Oak Lawn. The dance was a total success and several carpenters received pins for the many years of membership. **Frank Bartos**, a CTA carpenter, received a pin for 30 years of membership. On arrival at the Hall, **James Kasmer Jr.** and his wife were distributing corsages to all the women and billfolds to the men. Seating arrangements were left up to the diners; three tables, among 500 other seats, were occupied by CTA Carpenters. The blessing before dinner was nicely given by a CTA carpenter--**Vito Skorupski**--then came the prime rib, and then dancing. The "John Travolta" of the dance floor was CTA carpenter **Bob Hazard**...The Community Affairs staff participated in the "Fight Graffiti" parade, which kicked off a campaign for a Beautiful Chicago. Thanks for representing the CTA in such a worthwhile cause!..Happy third wedding anniversary to **Rose** (Labor Relations) and **Kevin McGuire**. We wish you many, many more!..Welcome back to **Mike Lacriola**. Mike and his wife were vacationing in Las Vegas. Mike said the weather was in the 90's, and he really enjoyed the pool during the day. Evenings were spent wining and dining with his wife...**Joseph Eugene Cappelletti Jr.** graduated from Loyola University cum laude with a B.A. in managerial accounting. He is a distinguished military graduate with a commission to second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Field Artillery. His father, **Joseph A. Cappelletti Sr.**, Accounts Payable, is mighty proud of Joe. Congratulations!



Carol Musto

Joseph E. Cappelletti Jr.

Management Information Systems

The Quality Assurance group has a couple of busy beavers. Both **Bill Ehrler** and **Pat Glines** (your new Inside News Reporter) are involved in volunteer work. Bill has put in a lot of time and effort establishing a neighborhood block watch; he is on their steering committee, has recently contributed an article to the Near Northwest Neighborhood Network (newsletter), and is drumming up customers for the Bucktown Art Fair in August. You'll hear about me in our next column...We are wishing **Tom Wodarski**, Systems Development Project Maintenance, a speedy recovery after undergoing quadruple by-pass surgery in April. He's doing well and at home now, and getting bored. Hope he has a quick recovery...While on the subject of health, congratulations are in order for those who have recently quit smoking. Will **Bill Ehrler**, **John Miller** (I/O Control), **Andy Rizuto** (Hardware), and **Linda Williams** (I/O Control), please take a bow? However, in not smoking, some have gained weight. Now it's exercise time. What willpower!..Happy Days! Congratulations to **Steven Gossage**, Software, who married **Barbara Bradley** on June 8, 1985. They honeymooned in the Pocono Mountains and at Niagara Falls. (Watch your step in those high places.) We'll be looking forward to hearing about the highlights of the trip (only the mentionable portion) when he

gets back. Your reporter and **Jeanne Malenki** (Production Control) have both finished their winter bowling season on East Side's Rolaline Bowling Alley. Jeanne's team came in third; mine was in last place. Jeanne's team had to bowl a tie-breaker and lost. So, as the saying goes, better luck next year. Her team has the potential, since they were in first place until the last few weeks. Now that bowling season is over, Jeanne is leaving for a trip to Plano, Texas, to visit her son, **Ron**, and his family. Her three-year-old granddaughter, **Linnea**, is the light of her life, and Grandma gives her everything she can in the Cabbage Patch motif. Jeanne will be living the Life of Riley relaxing in the sun, so we'll all be envious when she gets back with a tan. Where did I put that sun lamp?..**Barry Howard**, Production Control, just came back from a week's vacation. Two days were spent in bed ill, and then two days playing Mr. Mom while his wife was sick. What a way to spend a vacation. Who's your travel agent, anyway?..**Bruce Weeks**, Production Control, is busy in his spare time now that the softball season has begun. In his first game, the team lost 9-2. His wife, **Joan**, probably will not see him until the football season starts and that's only because he'll be watching the games on TV...Your reporter was all excited when she won two tickets to see Crystal Gale at the Holiday Star Inn on May 19. She won by being the 15th caller on US99 radio station. Crystal Gale was fabulous!

Pat Glines

Forest Glen (Repairs)

Wedded bliss: **Ken Hanna**, bus placer, and **Joanne LeCara** were united in Holy Matrimony on April 13. Joanne is the daughter of **Frank LeCara**, night foreman. The happy couple honeymooned in Hawaii...Baseball season has begun with three of our co-workers participating: **Ray Brennan** is coaching his second year for the Midget League at Durnham Park. His son, **Ray**, plays various positions in the league. **Sal Furlin** is in his sixth year and is coaching the Bronco A's out of Mt. Prospect. **Louis Chatard** is now coaching a Colt League team in Lake County sponsored by The Zion Merchants. Last year he coached in a Pony League and won the Eastern Division, posting an 11-3 record. Good luck to the coaches and players!

John W. Kochopolus

Harlem Shop

Repairmen **Arnold Tucknott** and **Joe Milke** are both proud new fathers, as their wives gave birth to beautiful future CTA leaders. Arnold and his wife, **Mary**, had a beautiful baby girl, **Candace Nicole**, on May 14, weighing in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces. Joe and **Terri Milke** welcomed **Brian Raymond**, weighing in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces, on May 21...**Frank Chiappetta** retired June 1 after 35 years at Harlem Shop. A party and send-off was held at JFW Hall on Desplaines avenue in Riverside. Good luck, Frank!..Harlem Shop Foreman **Al Cranford** enjoyed a week of fishing and R&R in beautiful Chattanooga, Tennessee (with friend Dolly Parton?)...**Kevin M. Kincaid** graduated with honors from Lincoln Jr. High School, Berwyn. Proud father **William**, a servicer at Harlem, and wife **Jacqueline**, gifted Kevin with a four-week all-expenses-paid vacation in beautiful Ireland. Congratulations, Kevin!

Mike McGuinness

Claims and Union representative O'Rourke retires

Timothy O'Rourke (right), claims representative and veteran union representative for general office employees of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241, accepts congratulations and best wishes upon his retirement after 39 years of CTA service. Bidding adieu is Edward Mitchell, director, Technical Services, Data Control, as Don Wardell, director, Claims Management, looks on. O'Rourke joined CTA's Transportation Department in October 1946 as a conductor/bus operator. He was assigned to 77th Street where he remained until he became a traffic checker in 1950. In August 1960 he joined the Claim Department as a statement man. In the next 25 years, O'Rourke held key positions in the Claim Department until his May 1 retirement.



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Graffiti

Children, teenagers, and adults are playing a new, and in many cases gang-related, game in Chicago called "Graffiti Tag," and CTA is "it." During the past few months, there has been an outburst of graffiti and vandalism on buses, trains, stations, and other facilities, and CTA is getting ready to fight back.

Chairman Cardilli recently announced CTA's new "Wipe Out Graffiti" campaign, designed to rid CTA vehicles and property of this ugly and expensive mess. This new campaign is

a two-fold program, designed to provide both preventive and punitive education.

Preventive Education

CTA's Public Affairs department will involve Chicago area students in a program of education to prevent graffiti. A series of contests designed to challenge students' creativity and solicit their ideas concerning the seriousness of the crime of graffiti, are now being prepared for implementation when school begins.

A radio "Rappin" contest including junior high school and high school students from public and parochial

schools is scheduled to begin in late summer. "Rappin" is the technique of talking quickly and rhythmically to music. Student listeners will be asked to submit 30-second tapes with their graffiti "raps" to the radio station. A CTA-appointed committee and representatives from the radio station will choose five finalists. Their tapes will be played on the air, and listeners will be asked to phone in and vote for the best "rap." Prizes yet to be determined will be awarded to the winner and four runners-up.

The Community Affairs department, through cooperation with the Chicago Board of Education and the Archdiocese of Chicago, will conduct essay, poster, and slogan contests designed to help "Wipe Out Graffiti."

Community Affairs will also tour the school system with the "Other Side" bus in order to stimulate interest and appreciation of the graffiti problem. One side of this bus will be clean, and



Three graffiti offenders, escorted to Limits garage by Chicago Police Department juvenile officers, remove graffiti from a bus.

the "Other Side" will be filled with graffiti inside and out. Students will be invited to tour the bus, and they will be given a brief explanation of the graffiti problem and the opportunity to attempt to remove some of the graffiti.

Punitive Education

CTA and the Chicago Police Department are also using punitive measures to try to stop offenders from making a pigsty of our transit system, and to teach offenders that it takes a lot longer to clean off the mess than it took them to put it on. A recent change in the Illinois Juvenile Code allows youth officers to offer juveniles arrested in graffiti cases the option of appearing in Juvenile Court on charges of damage to property or, if youths and parents agree, to do public service work in the neighborhoods where their arrests occurred.

Since June, police officers have

been escorting juvenile offenders to CTA bus garages and other CTA locations. Using rubber gloves and a special non-toxic graffiti remover, groups of two or three offenders make restitution for their crimes by removing all graffiti from a CTA bus. The process takes a considerable amount of time and a lot of elbow grease, and hopefully discourages repeat offenders.

CTA is spending an estimated \$400,000 per year to remove graffiti. We hope to eliminate graffiti completely in the near future, but, until then, let those who are caught writing graffiti be the ones to do the clean-up work...not CTA employees.

Through its double-edged program of preventive and punitive education, the "Wipe Out Graffiti" program will be an excellent example of cooperation between public and private agencies to serve the needs of the community.

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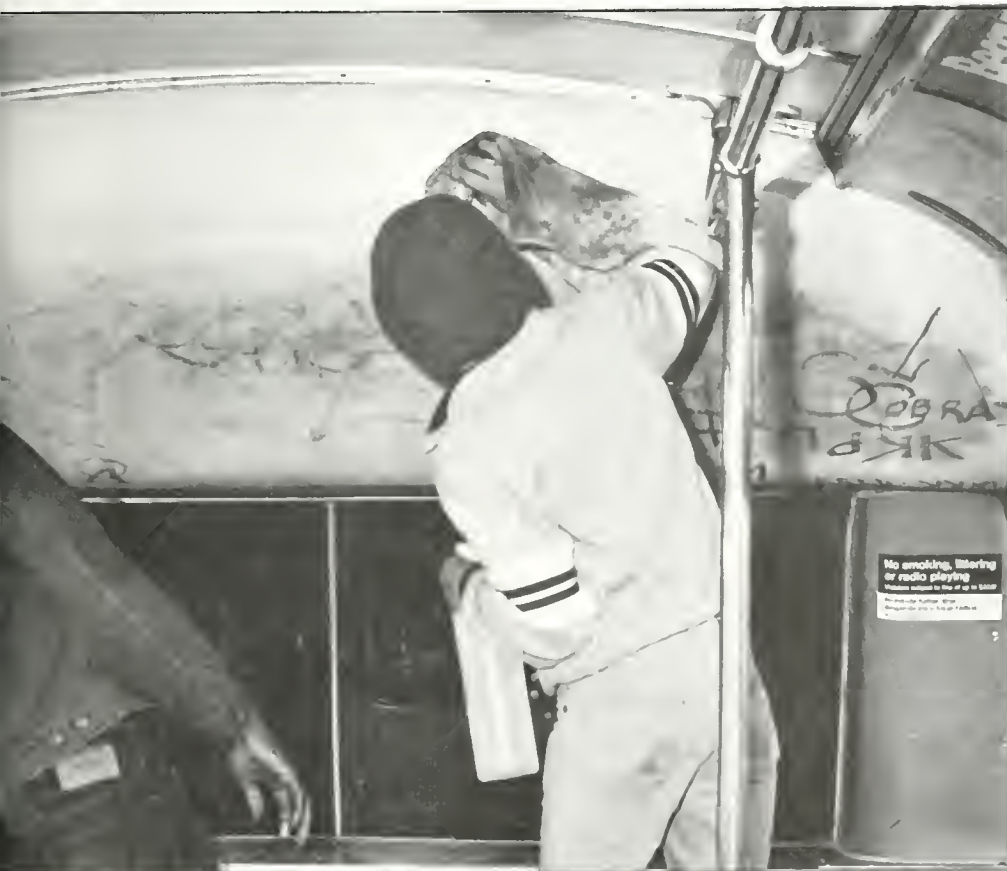
From the Chairman Fighting back

During recent months we have been under attack by those who thoughtlessly deface the transit environment that has been a source of pride for Chicagoans and admiration for visitors from other large cities. Our Maintenance Department has worked diligently, and at great expense, to remove graffiti as it occurs; but they can no longer keep pace, because contemporary graffiti taggers measure success by the number of "tags" they can make throughout the city, rather than the need to express any intelligent social statement. CTA and the City of Chicago are fed up with this ignorant disrespect for property, and we are starting to fight back.

I congratulate our legislators for amending the Illinois Juvenile Code, which now allows the police to put juvenile graffiti offenders to work cleaning the mess that has been created by their kind, and I applaud the new programs of the CTA Public Affairs and Community Relations Departments, which will reach out to the neighborhoods and the schools to re-educate young people concerning respect for property. All CTA employees must be concerned about the cleanliness of our system. I thank those of you who have reported incidents that have led to the arrest of graffiti perpetrators, and I thank the Chicago Police Department for strict and rapid enforcement of the law.

Our search for missing children continues, and I welcome the Checker Taxi and Yellow Cab companies and the Lerner Newspapers who are joining our efforts to inform the public about children who are missing. Since our transit advertising program started in February, 10 children have been located, and this increased level of publicity can only produce more positive results. Also, I thank radio stations WJMK-FM and WJJD-AM for their sponsorship of the expanded fingerprint bus program which will enable parents to safeguard their children with fingerprint and photographic records provided by the Chicago Police Department. The missing children program is an excellent example of public and private agencies working together to solve a serious social problem.

Michael Randell

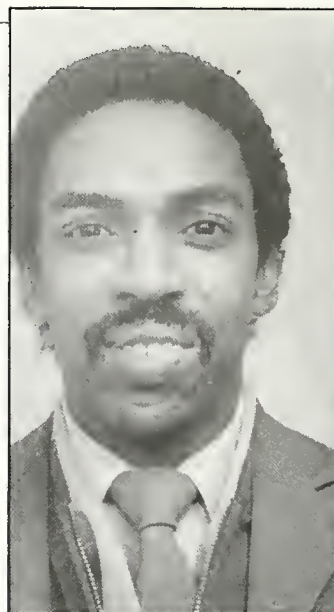


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Wayne Wardlow (Kedzie garage) is appreciated by riders of his No. 16 Lake bus.

Ora Young, of Oak Park, wrote, "He is an outstanding young man. When you enter the bus, there is always a warm, friendly smile and a 'Good morning' or 'How are you?' He is dedicated to his job, and is always nice to everyone, young and old alike.

He is one in a million. I am sure his parents played a key role in his training. He is one young man who is serving mankind with authority and love. He has to love his job to give such a good performance. All I can say is keep up the good work and keep on driving."



Joel Larkins (North Section) was the conductor of a Howard train ridden by Patrick Graber, who works on East Randolph Drive. He distinguished himself by his professionalism. His announcements were clearly enunciated so as to be understood by all. He also showed himself to be thoroughly knowledgeable of the city and of interconnecting lines. He not only announced each stop, but also gave pertinent information as to local points of interest. When the train came to a stop just before Washington, the conductor immediately announced what the situation was, and courteously thanked all riders for their patience."

Leon Davis (77th Street garage) was thanked for his courtesy as operator of a No. 3 King Drive bus by Matt Bullard, of Harbor Point Drive. "I had jumped off a westbound Blue Island bus that was right ahead. The operator saw me wave, made a quick stop for me, and still made the light. And I got to work on time. I moved here from the West Coast last fall. On the strength of reports we had heard about the CTA system, we sold all three of our cars before moving, a decision we have had no cause to regret. I have been impressed with the friendliness and helpfulness of most of the people I've met in Chicago, and naturally I think operator 7685 is an asset not only to CTA, but to me and the City of Chicago as well."

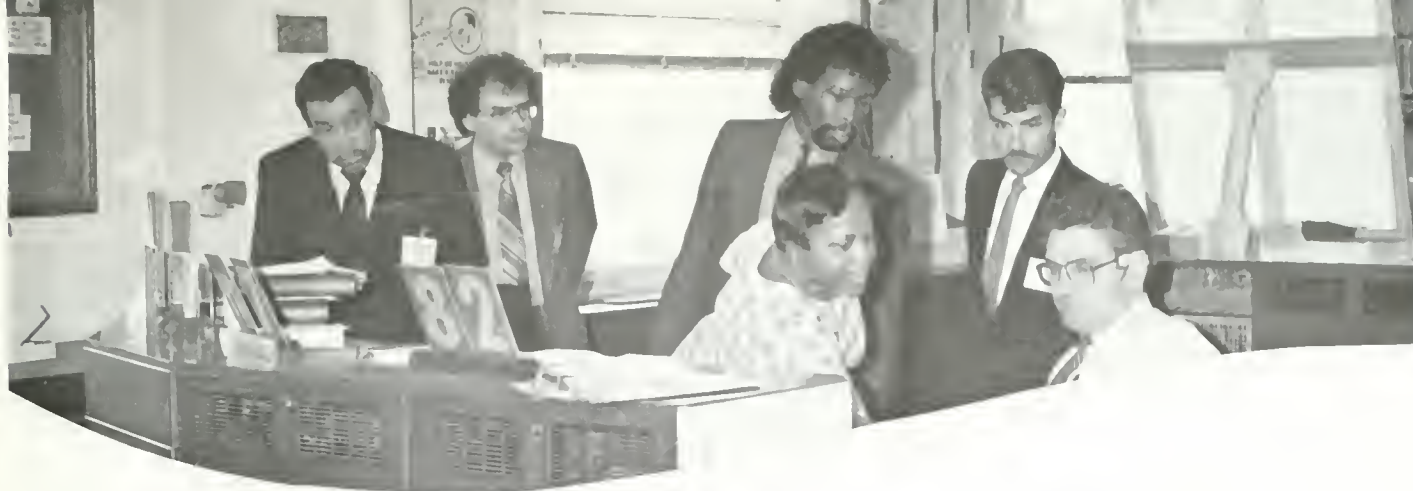
North Section conductor **Richard Corbett** and motorman **John Kirsch** were commended by David Marshall, of North Campbell Avenue, for apprehending a pickpocket on a Ravenswood train. "At Fullerton two suspicious-looking males blocked the doorway for a moment. I had just gotten off the train when another man who had been behind me cried out that his wallet was gone. Your crew immediately stopped the train, and the conductor caught the 16-year-old who had the man's wallet. He put up quite a fight. The motorman helped him subdue the youth, and together they held him until the police finally arrived some 30 minutes later."

Rosa Irizarry (Forest Glen garage) was praised by J. Valchen, of Peterson Avenue, who was a rider on her No. 84 Peterson bus. "I am 70 years young, and have been riding buses for a long time. For the first time in many months, I had a smooth ride. This gal handled the bus beautifully -- no jerking of the brakes, and I didn't have to hold on for fear of falling down. How I wish there were more bus drivers like her! It would be a pleasure to ride buses, and I wouldn't be so shaken up."

Lee Thompson (North Park garage) was the operator of a No. 147 Outer Drive Express bus ridden by Pat Burns, who was in Chicago on business from Tucson, Arizona. "His professional image and his concern for his passengers were helpful and very efficient. We could clearly understand street names called out. He watched where he stopped so as not to cause harm to people getting off or on. An elderly lady was on the street waiting for the bus, and he stopped far enough back so as not to startle her. Once she was on board, he warned her gently about staying back, as she could lose her balance and fall in front of the bus."

Billy Ragsdale (77th Street garage) was complimented by Timetra Adams, of East 74th Street, for "reaching out and being nice to people" on a No. 6 Jeffery Express bus. "I was greeted with a 'Good morning, Love. Welcome to the Love Bus.' As I continued to ride, I noticed everyone entering the bus received this greeting, and everyone leaving was told, 'Be careful, watch your step, and have a good day.' People as a rule are not friendly toward strangers, but the passengers on this bus were turning and chatting with the person next to them, and were smiling at each other on a glance, instead of glaring or frowning."

Jeff Anderson (Forest Glen garage) was applauded by C. E. Morris, of Forest Glen Avenue, for his consideration as operator of a No. 84 Peterson bus. "The driver held his westbound bus until a lady and I who were stranded on the median strip by a long line of traffic were able to cross the street and board. It was raining at the time. A few minutes later the driver took time at Kimball Avenue to help a blind lady off the bus and safely across the street so she could board a southbound bus. This considerate attitude for the welfare of his passengers impressed me greatly and is worthy of commendation."



Day in CTA honorees get an explanation of how things operate in the Control Center as bus controller **Linda Hopps** takes them on a tour. The group includes (from left) **William Davidson**, motorman, Howard terminal;

Roland Michalak, ticket agent, Forest Park; **Joel Hawthorne**, conductor, Ashland; and **Isabelo Pagan**, conductor, Howard terminal. Seated at the console is bus controller **John Batzel**.

Four rapid transit employees honored

Two rapid transit employees assigned to Howard terminal, an Ashland terminal conductor, and a Forest Park ticket agent received special recognition on "A Day in CTA" for having distinguished themselves in four separate emergency rescue efforts which either saved a life or averted further tragedy.

Conductor **Isabelo Pagan** was honored for coming to the aid of a gunshot victim on the North-South route recently. Pagan, who joined CTA last August 21, witnessed the shooting at University station and rushed to the man's aid after calling the Control Center. He not only

assisted the victim until an ambulance and police arrived, but made court appearances in connection with the incident.

Conductor **Joel Hawthorne**, a member of the 1984 Roundhouse 18, called for the power to be cut after he observed a man jump from the platform to the tracks approximately 50 feet in front of his train in an apparent suicide attempt.

Hawthorne rushed to the man with words of encouragement, and helped him from the tracks. The conductor stayed with the man until an ambulance and police arrived.

In a similar incident on the North-

South route at Granville, Motorman **William Davidson** brought his train to a safe stop and notified the Control Center when he saw a man on the tracks.

Police and firemen were notified, but arrived too late to save the man's life. However, Operations officials said Davidson's alertness and attention to duty avoided a more serious situation and minimized delay of service.

A Forest Park ticket agent, **Roland Michalak**, was also the recipient of "Day in CTA" recognition for having foiled an attempted robbery. The alert Michalak denied two youthful would-be robbers with a deception which prevented them from escaping with CTA revenue. **cta**

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Mohammed Ajami, North Park
Amparo Alvarez, Forest Glen
Robert Arellano, Howard/Kimball

Karonese Banks, Howard/Kimball
Nathaniel Barton, 77th Street
Gall Beck, North Park
Samuel Bevelle, North Park
Thomas Bonner, North Park
Junior Broadbent, Forest Glen
Arthur Broadway Jr., 77th Street
Cornell Brown, 77th Street
Thomas Brown, Archer
Jonather Bruce, 77th Street
Earl Burreas, 69th Street
Robert Byrd, North Park

George Calhoun, 69th Street
Virbie Caples, 69th Street
Glenn Carpenter, Archer
Edwin Carrero, Archer
Anthony Certale, Forest Glen
Alonzo Claybon, 69th Street
Felicia Clower, Limits
David Copeland, Kedzie

Minnie Davis, North Avenue
Michael Deely, North Avenue
Angel DeLaPaz, Forest Glen
Robert Devitt, North Park
Lawrence Duda, Limits
Melvin Dukes, North Avenue
Robert Dunning, Limits

Hezzie Edwards, 77th Street
Scherron Edwards, 69th Street

Lourdes Figueroa, North Avenue
Eddie Figueroa, North Park

Gonzalo Garcia, North Park
George Gavrillos, North Park
Grover Germany, North Park
Leonard Gibbs III, North Park
Barbara Gillispie, Archer
Anna Gonzales, North Section
Mary Guice, North Park

Ellie Head, 69th Street
Cecelia Hendrickson, Forest Glen
Vernon Hill, Howard/Kimball

Mary Holt, Limits
Marlene Horsby, North Section
Kenneth Hull, Beverly

Roberto Jacobson, Howard/Kimball
Waymon Jeffrey, Beverly
Jerry Jenkins, Archer
Charles Jessie, Limits
Lewis Johnson, 77th Street
Cedric Johnson, Kedzie
Martin Johnson, North Park
Eddie Jones, 69th Street
Betty Jones, Limits
Francene Jones, Howard/Kimball
Bernardino Juarez, Limits

Robert Kremer, North Park

Fred Labern, North Avenue
George Lantz, Forest Glen
Luther Lewis, Beverly
Irving Lewis, 69th Street
Hollis Lewis Jr., North Avenue
Walter Lewis Jr., North Park
Robert Lucas, Kedzie

John March Jr., Forest Glen
William Markowski, Forest Glen
Robert Martinez, North Park
Calvin McCants, 69th Street
Earnest McElwee Jr., Howard/Kimball
Donald Minefee, 69th Street
Angel Mojica, North Park
Ubaldo Munoz, North Park

Michael Newkirk, Kedzie
Steve Nicpon, Forest Glen

John Paczkowski, Archer
James Parker, North Avenue
Lynda Parker, Limits
Frederick Pepke, Limits
Ramiro Perez, Archer
Charles Peterson, 77th Street
Richard Power, Archer

Billy Ragsdale, 77th Street
John Reynolds, 77th Street
Kenneth Richards, Limits
Robert Roberson, 77th Street
Tony Robinson, Limits

Gregory Shelby, Limits
John Siluentes, Howard/Kimball
Kathleen Sims, Douglas Congress
Roberto Siota, Forest Glen
Barbara Sullivan, Forest Glen

Jay Thompson, 69th Street
Blanca Torres, Forest Glen
Jeff Turner, North Avenue

Clarence VanMiddlesworth, North Park

Wayne Wardlow, Kedzie
David Wasson, North Park
DeLoia West, 69th Street
Walter White, Beverly
Frederick White, Limits
Patricia Williams, North Park
Russell Williams, Ashland Terminal
Waldridge Witherspoon, Howard/Kimball



Magic 104 FINGER

Kimberly Halbisch (Left) and **Valina Lynn Laabs** (right) show mixed reactions to fingerprinting performed by Officer **Gene Jaglowski**. ►



CTA historical bus No. 3407 was a feature attraction at WJMK Magic 104 FM's "Day at the Races" on Sunday, June 30, at Santa Fe Speedway in the southwest suburb of Willow Springs. CTA Public Affairs, the Chicago Police Department, and Magic 104 provided free fingerprint registry for children as part of the growing CTA/CPD Missing Children Program, which began in February 1985 by providing information about missing children through monthly posting of car card advertising in CTA vehicles.

The "Day at the Races" opened at 11 a.m. with a Historic Street and Race Car Show including 75 cars, most of 1950's and 1960's vintage. At 2 p.m., Magic 104 presented the Ronnie Rice Show in the main bandstand; and the "Magic 104 Race" began at 6 p.m., featuring Late Model, Sportsman, Lightning Rod, and Street Stock car races.

As a co-sponsor of the event, CTA displayed bus No. 3407 and two mini-buses from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Display space near the main bandstand, valued at \$5,000, was donated by Magic 104 FM, which also broadcast promotional announcements during the week before the event.

At the request of their parents, 85 children were fingerprinted and photographed. Parents received their children's fingerprint cards and polaroid photographs, which could be used by police in case of emergency, and CTA/CPD brochures with missing children photos and missing per-

sons safety tips. Each child also received a helium-filled balloon bearing a distinctive fingerprint and magnifying glass symbol, and the slogans "WE CARE," and "I've been (fingerprinted)." The symbol was also displayed on 12-foot-long display signs mounted on the sides of bus No. 3407.

The children were fingerprinted by Officers **Taya D. Sun** and **Gene Jaglowski**, Preventive Programs Division, Bureau of Community Services, CPD. Officer **Jack Campione**, Youth Division, Bureau of Investigative Services, CPD, CTA Publications Director **Jack Sowchin**, CTA Promotional Services Representative **Helene Greiman**, and Media Buyer **Laura Hangren** from Santa Fe Speedway registered children and filled balloons with helium. **Ken Paulin**, Promotion/Marketing Director, and **Judy Spitzer**, Assistant Promotion/Marketing Director, both from Magic 104, photographed children with a polaroid camera and film donated by Shutan Camera.

Jimmy Johnson, operator of bus No. 3407 from Washington Garage, helped throughout the day by showing people through the bus, and especially by helping parents clean fingerprinting ink from their children's fingers. Graphics for the missing children program were designed by **Alan Grady**, CTA Publications Section. Special thanks to the Paint Shop, South Shops, under the direction of foreman **Winmon Lewis**, for producing the silk-screened sign used on bus No. 3407, and to Washington Garage

Maintenance, under the direction of superintendent of Maintenance **Willie Wong**, for their help with this project.

CTA's historical fingerprint bus also appeared in the Evanston Fourth of July parade. After the parade, Evanston police fingerprinted 85 more children during the suburb's Fourth of July celebration. Arrangements were made by **Steve Schlickman**, CTA Intergovernmental Affairs Officer, who was also assistant celebration manager for Evanston's Fourth of July activities.

Beginning August 1, CTA, the Chicago Police Department, WJMK Magic 104 FM, WJJD 1160 AM, Shutan Camera, and Lerner Newspapers will co-sponsor more activities in support of the missing children program. For their "Kid Lost" program, Magic 104 and the CPD will use a modern CTA bus to visit shopping centers, neighborhood events, and schools to promote fingerprint registry and photographing services. Magic 104 and Lerner Newspapers will promote the events, and Lerner Newspapers will begin printing photos of missing children weekly in their neighborhood newspapers. Magic 104 will also operate a 24-hour telephone hotline for information about missing children, using the special phone number K-I-D-L-O-S-T.

CTA and the Chicago Police Department welcome the increased cooperation and support for the missing children program. These efforts will make it easier to locate missing children, and they will inform parents of things that they can do to help insure the safety of their children. **cta**

PRINT BUS



▲ After fingerprinting, **Kimberly Halbisch** poses for polaroid photo taken by **Ken Paulin** of Magic 104 FM.



Diabetes and the cost of Health Care: Safeguards you can take today

Presumably, as life expectancy increases so have the number of post retirement years. This good fortune has a penalty, however, by placing a financial burden on years of fixed income. Similarly, as post retirement years increase, one must devote more time to measures that will safeguard health in the years to come. Of course, if we put off such measures, high technology may supply us with miraculous cures for an assortment of illnesses; or will it?

No doubt technology has contributed to our prolonged survival. With the advent of intensive care units, we can have some chance of surviving heart attacks. To prevent a second heart attack, we can have bypass coronary surgery. With the technology of dialysis, we can even survive kidney failure from years of untreated hypertension.

Technology has also increased our cost of living. These many and wonderful developments are heaped onto the cost of health insurance and dollar amounts paid by the consumer-patient. Thus, the blessings of technology are mixed, especially for those forced to live within a fixed income. Therefore, the answers for health care in the future must be technology, in part, and also preventive health care.

Diabetes

Of the greater than 250 million peo-

ple in the U.S., approximately 12 million are diabetic. Some take medication; some are treated with diet alone; and millions are unaware that they have diabetes. Most of these have few or no symptoms, and likely will only become aware of their diabetic status when they develop a complication. Almost none of these complications can be cured.

Contrary to popular belief, most diabetics do not experience major weakness, weight loss, excessive thirst or urination. Instead, they may have vague nonspecific symptoms or, in fact, may feel quite well.

Diabetics may be overweight, but are often only mildly so, and can be lean. Blurring of vision may be noted but more frequently is not a problem. Therefore, a lack of symptoms is no guarantee of wellness, especially wellness from diabetes.

People usually seek attention and have diabetes diagnosed after a complication has developed — generally 10 or more years after the fact. Problems frequently encountered at this stage are: numbness or pain in a foot or leg, impotency, fluid retention, failing vision, light-headedness on standing, or gangrene of a foot. Occasionally earlier signs become apparent that can be helped, including fungal infections of the skin, recurrent yeast infections of the vagina and/or genital area, rapid weight loss, and infertility or repeated miscarriages.

Hedging your bet

Obviously, if there are no totally reliable early warning signs that will work for all of us, the question of when and how often to check with your doctor becomes a tough one. To help weigh the odds, there are certain risk factors we can evaluate.

Most adult diabetics have a genetic influence, such as a family member who had diabetes. Thus, if you have one or more family members in direct line who are diabetic, your risks are greatly increased.

Although obesity does not cause diabetes, it represents a stress to your body and may make hidden (or well-controlled) diabetes much worse. Steroids, certain types of water pills, and several other drugs also can complicate diabetes.

Conclusion

In the future, technology will likely yield a treatment that will compensate for *basic deficiencies* in the diabetic state, and will be a bargain at any price. The treatment of *its complications*, however, will remain expensive and largely inadequate. As a result, the complications will be best treated by early detection and prevention. An effective effort to safeguard your health should be started today.

Thomas L. Pitts, M.D.

Diabetes testing is scheduled for November

According to the American Diabetes Association (ADA), about one in every 20 people have diabetes. Approximately one million have insulin-dependent, or type one diabetes while 11 million people have non-insulin-dependent, or type two diabetes.

Unfortunately, an estimated five million people have type two diabetes

and do not know it, reports ADA. The people most at risk for type two diabetes are over 40, overweight, and have a history of diabetes. Anyone with these characteristics should see a doctor periodically to be tested for the disease.

Last year 13,000 Illinoisans participated in The American Diabetes

Association's free screening program conducted at local hospital and clinics. The screening is scheduled again for November 1985, "National Diabetes Month." CTA employees, families and friends who may be interested in participating in this year's "Diabetes Detection" program should contact the Northern Illinois Affiliate of the ADA in October for details, 346-1805.

North Park maintenance takes Roadeo, Fleet honors

William Rafferty, a member of the 1984 Maintenance Roadeo first place team at Forest Glen garage, changed work locations and took his winning ways to the North Park maintenance garage where the 1985 first place trophy is being awarded.

Willie Wong, maintenance unit supervisor at Washington garage, and the 1985 maintenance Roadeo chairman, said maintenance foreman Rafferty finished the course in four minutes and three seconds. The maximum time allowed on the course is seven minutes. Contestants are penalized one point for every second over seven minutes.

The North Park team garnered 650 points to top six other teams including two PACE (RTA) teams. Rafferty's teammates were repairer **Jose Guerrero**, and clerk **Frank Fischer**.

The 69th street maintenance garage placed second with 632 points. The team included **Taylor Kent** and **Roy Darnier**, both repairers, and **Phillip Wells**, clerk. Taking third place with 626 points was Kedzie maintenance garage. Team members were repairers **Phillip Murnane** and **John Murphy**, and clerk **Tom Smith**.

Servicer **Robert Kaese** and repairers **Salvatore Furlin** and **John Kochopolus** comprised the fourth place Forest Glen team with 615 points. In fifth place was Limits with 591 points. Team members were servicer **Dan Alvarado**, repairer **Tom Lyons** and foreman **John Musial**.

While bus and maintenance roadeo contestants drove the same course, they were not in competition with each other. Maintenance Roadeo contestants also substituted a stop at the wash rack for the passenger stop made by Bus Roadeo contestants.

The Maintenance Roadeo competition included a safety mechanical quiz which required each team to take a written test, and a trouble-shooting phase in which problems with a vehicle had to be resolved in an allotted time. The top three scorers were selected as the top three teams.



***Betty Richman**, quality control technician, Rail, checks the battery in this bus which was entered in the Fleet Maintenance competition of the Maintenance Roadeo. Inspectors were concerned with items relating to the operation, safety and appearance of buses.*

Meanwhile, maintenance crews on all shifts at North Park garage were treated to a catered lunch and merchandise gifts as winners of the first Fleet Maintenance competition which was conducted concurrently with the Maintenance Roadeo.

In this contest, the larger garages

entered two pre-selected buses for inspection while the small garages each entered one bus. Inspection criteria consisted of 50 items relating to the operation, safety and appearance of the bus. Each item had a point value of two for a total of 100 possible points.

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Top performers named in contests

CTA's top bus operators were selected for the 1985 Winning Circle 20 following the June 2 and June 9 garage level driving competition of the annual Bus Roadeo.

Other top operating and station personnel from the Third Rail Round-Up terminal level competition, and the Ticket Agent TieUp section level competition have also been selected.

Qualified trainmen participated in the terminal level competition at their respective home terminals April 28 through May 5. This competition required a practical demonstration of preparing a train for service, and clearing various troubleshooting problems.

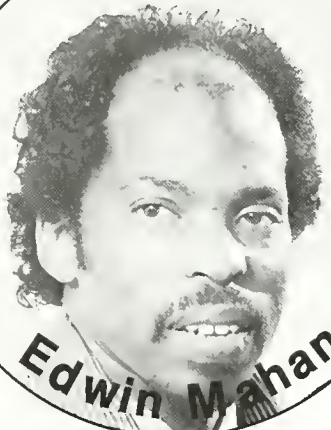
The top nine motormen and top nine conductors systemwide were advanced to the Roundhouse 18 final competition.

The Ticket Agent TieUp section level competition determined the top 10 ticket agents or "Free Wheeling" 10 in the system, following written and performance tests on standard operating procedures, rules and regulations, job duties, and responsibilities. The contest was held April 13 — May 12.

Photos of successful contestants named to the Winning Circle 20, Roundhouse 18, and the Free Wheeling 10 appear on pages 10-14. ►

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95th Street



Edwin Mahan

95th Street



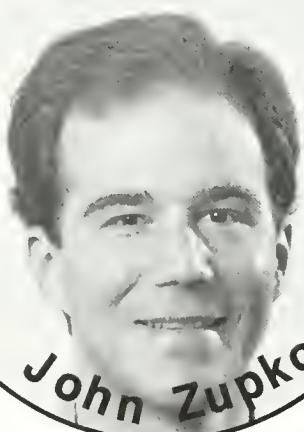
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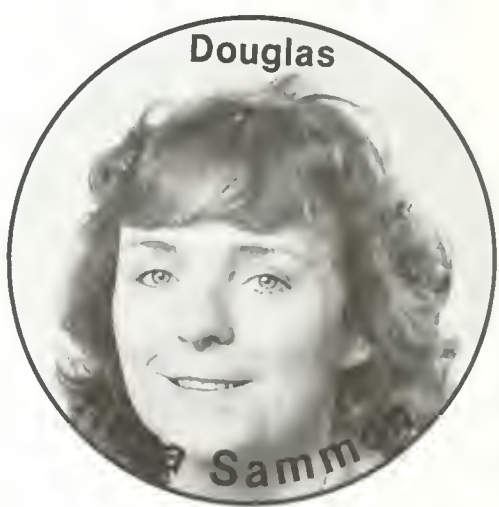
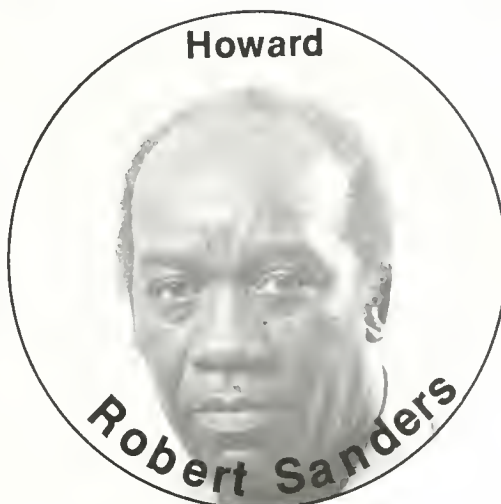
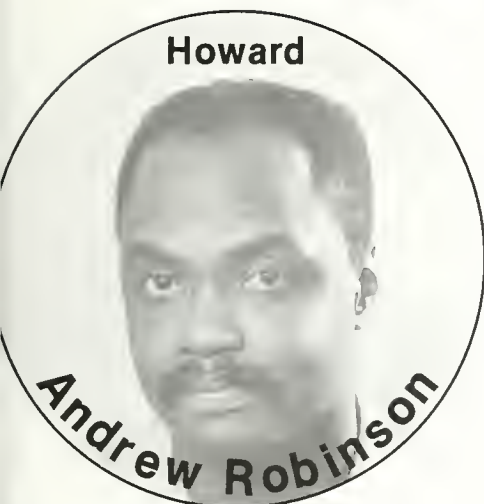
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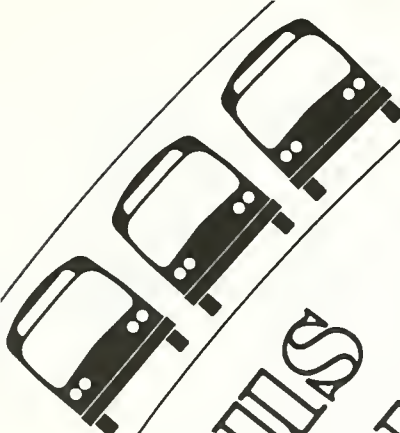
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HOUSE 18





Roadie bus winners

Willie Haynes



Forest Glen

Salvador Flores



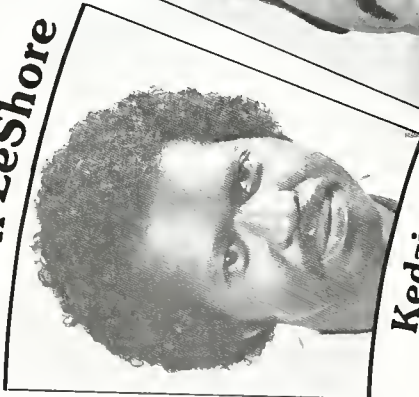
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Willie Stewart



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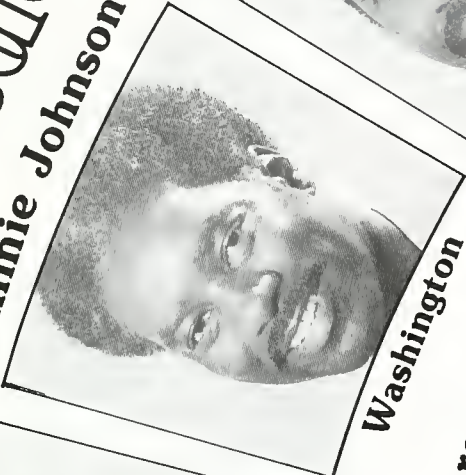
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Jimmie Johnson



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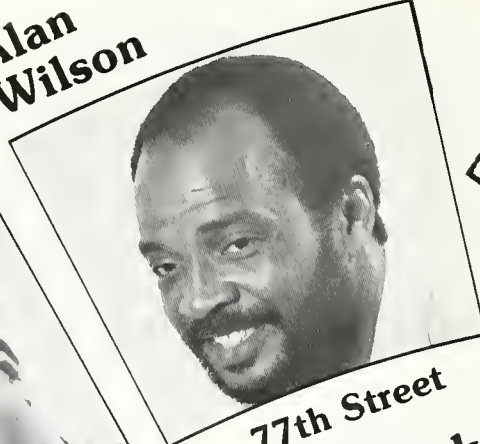


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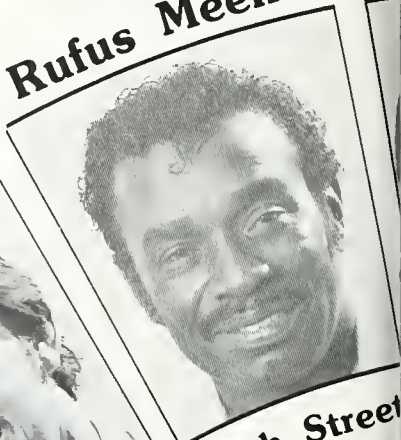
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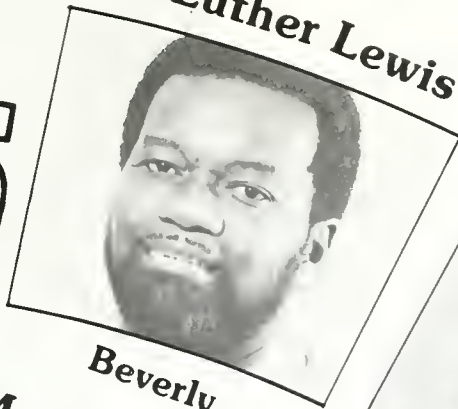
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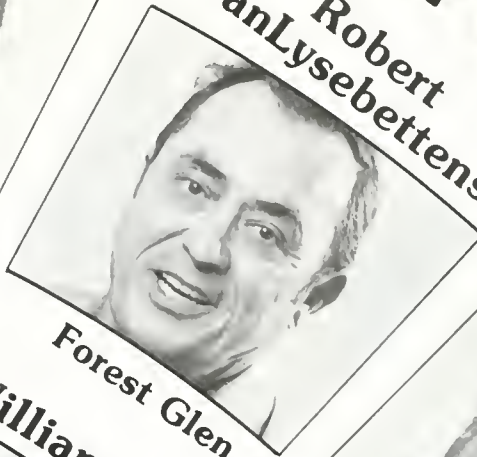
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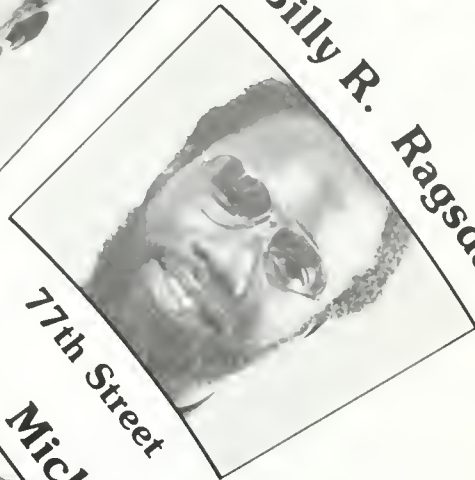
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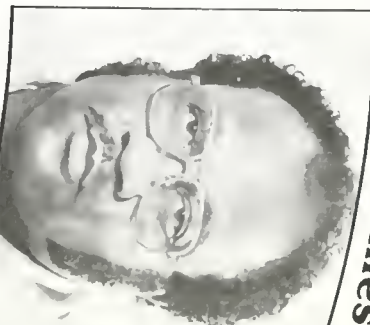
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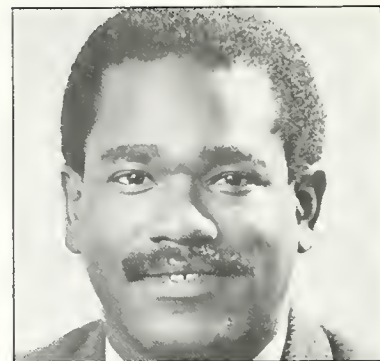
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Free Wheeling 10



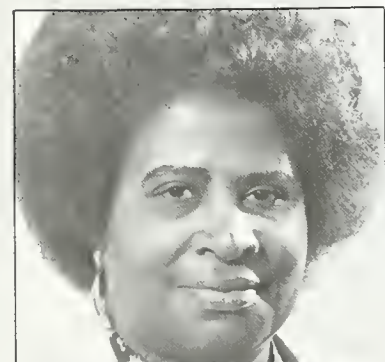
**Ricca James
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Ashland**



**Linda Woods
Howard**



**Elizabeth Manson
95th Street**



**Syed Alimuddin
O'Hare**



**Antonio Narvaez
O'Hare**



**Pacita Ang
Howard**



**Toy Kay Whiteurst
Kimball**



**Juanita Woodson
Ashland**



**Angel Chapparo
Kimball**



▲ Kedzie Garage Quality Circle members gathered for a round of discussion look to assistant leader **Lonzo Lyles** as he lists concerns of the group on an

easel. Seated around the table are (from left) repairmen **Edwin Harding**, **Salvatore Alleruzo**, **David Maynard**, and **Milford Shelton**.

Quality Circle is maintenance workers' brainstorming

The best job in the world becomes a burden when there is no communication between management and labor, regardless of skill.

Japanese industrialists long ago recognized the importance of involving the worker in management decisions as a way to bridge the communication gap and satisfy the worker, and increase productivity which in turn satisfies management.

This concept, the "Quality Circle," is being introduced at Kedzie garage and Skokie Shops' Engineering and Maintenance areas. Brainstorming sessions are scheduled at both work locations each week with 10 employees, including a group leader, coming together to discuss areas of concern which have an impact on productivity. The issues are then presented to a management steering committee for resolution.

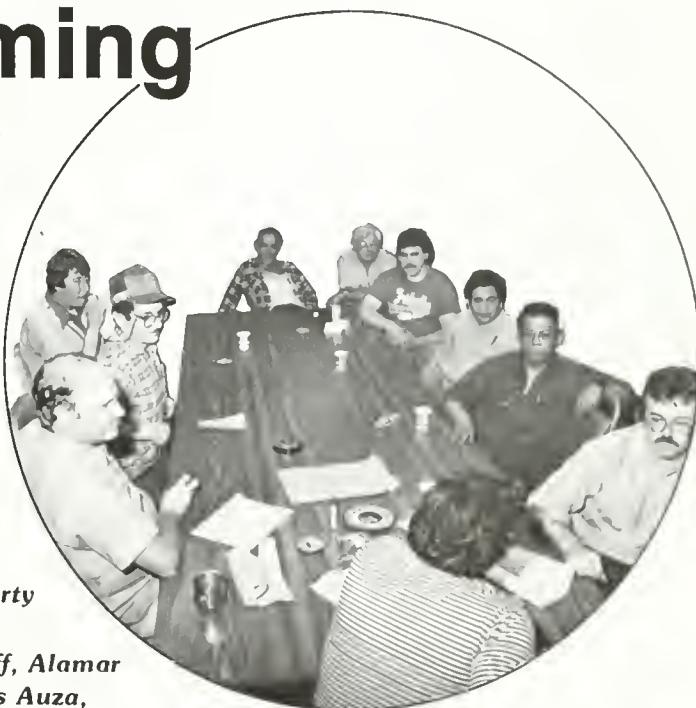
The committee includes **George Millonas**, deputy executive director, Engineering and Maintenance, ex officio; **Florence A. Salus**, project manager, Quality Circle, director, Personnel Services, Engineering and Maintenance; **Richard M. Schneider**, manager, Equipment, Engineering and Maintenance, and **Thomas L. Wolgemuth**, manager, Facilities, Engineering and Maintenance.

Steering committee alternates are **Terrance McGuigan**, director, Bus Maintenance, and **Frank Venezia**, director, Rail Maintenance. **Burt Van Wetering**, business representative,

Skokie Shops' Quality Circle thrashes out a problem at its weekly meeting. Participating in the round-table discussion are (top left)

Rosario DiMarco, **Larry Vanderhorst**, **Lou Valle**, **Jim Donnelly**, discussion leader **Raymond Hagerty** (back to camera),

Michael Carduff, **Alamar Justo**, **Hercules Auza**, **Ralph Steven**, and **Bob Guarino**.



IBEW Local 134, Elcosie Gresham, president, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241 and **Elwood Flowers**, president ATU 308 are union representatives to the Steering Committee.

Ms Salus said the pilot program underway at Kedzie and Skokie could serve as a logical vehicle for expediting solutions for better communications and increasing productivity.

The one-hour weekly brainstorming sessions tackle a variety of problems ranging from receiving parts, tools and other supplies, to safety and communications between workers and management.

If these pilot programs are successful, Engineering and Maintenance plans to expand Quality Circle to other areas towards the end of the year.

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Bernard J. Ford



and Mary J. Boski



A retire...

A retirement reception was held on the evening of June 28 in the Merchants and Manufacturers Club of the Merchandise Mart honoring the July 1 retirements of **Bernard J. Ford**, CTA Executive Director, and **Mary J. Boski**, Office Manager, Executive Director's Office.

Former CTA Chairman **James J. McDonough** was master of ceremonies for the event, which was attended by employees and representatives from CTA, RTA, state and city government, and transit related industries and associations.

Ford began his career with CTA in 1956. He joined the Regional

Transportation Authority in October, 1975, became its general manager in May, 1979, and, on June 2, 1982, was appointed CTA executive director by the CTA Board. Ford also serves as president of the American Public Transportation Association, and upon retirement became the president of Baker Engineering in Chicago.

Mary Boski held various clerical, secretarial, and managerial positions throughout her 34-year CTA career and directed office operations for CTA Executive Directors **George Krambles**, **Theodore Schuster**, and **Bernard Ford**. Ms. Boski accompanied Ford to Baker Engineering,

where she serves as his executive secretary.

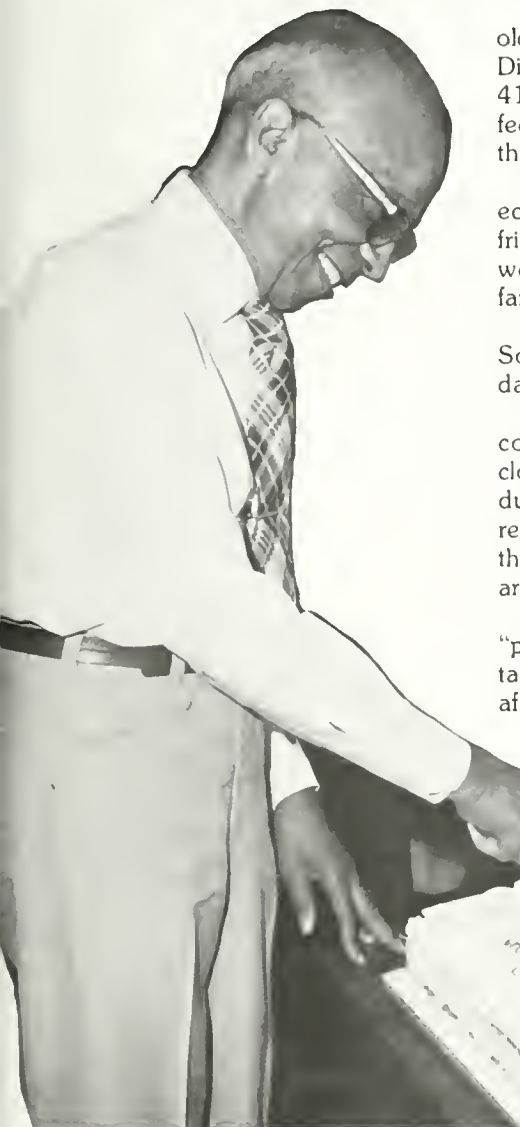
Expressing appreciation to his co-workers, Mr. Ford said: "Twenty-eight and a half years sounds like a long time. When you live it, it's the blink of an eye. You have made my career. I thank you for it. You will always have my affection and that of my wife."

Reflecting on her career, Mary Boski said: "Thirty-four years ago, my dad said CTA would take good care of me, although I only planned to stay a couple of years. I'm grateful for my family and all the friends I have here. Thank you very much."

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Retiring CTA Executive Director **Bernard J. Ford** and retiring Office Manager **Mary J. Boski** display two of their most unusual retirement gifts presented by the Facilities Engineering & Maintenance Department. Ford received an antique rapid transit fare register, and Boski received a lamp made from a third rail shoe.

Bill Taylor, 70 Bus controller retires



Bill Taylor (cutting cake), 70-year old bus controller in the Operations Division's Control Center, ended his 41-year CTA career June 28 at a coffee and cake reception in his honor in the Control Center.

Harry Reddick, Deputy Executive Director, joined Taylor's friends and co-workers in wishing him well. Taylor received a cash gift as a farewell present.

He and his wife, **Helen**, live on the Southwest Side. They have a daughter, **Mrs. Doris Buffington**.

Taylor also is a master tailor and has constructed men's and women's clothing for many CTA employees during his career. He said he was ready to put aside the needle and thread and just do some chores around home that need to be done.

"On second thought," Taylor said, "pull the thread on my quitting being a tailor. I might do it for a while longer, after my chores."

transportation between home and the treatment facility for ambulatory cancer patients living in the volunteer's general neighborhood and who are undergoing radiation therapy and other forms of outpatient cancer treatment.

The theme of the Volunteer Transportation program, "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," is indicative of the program's ultimate goal which is to operate on a neighborhood level. In other words, with Chicago divided into 77 geographically-defined neighborhoods, the Volunteer Transportation program seeks to recruit a minimum of 10 drivers and one scheduler in each neighborhood with volunteers serving patients living in their particular neighborhood.

Volunteers are asked only to make themselves and their vehicles available one or two mornings or afternoons a week to drive a cancer patient living in the same general neighborhood from the patient's home to a treatment facility and back home.

Non-drivers may also participate in the Volunteer Transportation program as a neighborhood scheduler. By using the telephone and working from home, a scheduler may arrange transportation for a neighborhood cancer patient from a list of Neighborhood Volunteer drivers.

Any CTA employees or family members interested in volunteering as a driver or a scheduler are asked to call

Cancer society needs volunteer drivers, schedulers

The Chicago unit of the American Cancer Society (ACS) is recruiting drivers and schedulers for its

Volunteer Transportation program.

Drivers, using their own vehicles, provide door-to-door round-trip

Lowell Young

Volunteer Transportation
Program Associate
Coordinator,
at

**372-0471,
ext. 210**

RETIREMENTS



Retiree-elect **John (Jack) Bowland**, 60, is flanked by four coworkers at his May 31 retirement party. They are,

from left, **Amy Diansan**, **Van Gosrisirkul**, **Mila Austria**, and **Stacy Heal**. Bowland retired June 1 as supervisor of property management & reporting, Finance Division after 42 years of service. He and his wife, **Lavern**, live in Villa Park, and they plan to do some traveling during his retirement. They have four children. Bowland's family joined him at his party in the CTA Board Room where his coworkers and friends presented him with a cash gift.



John D. Schwartz, special projects coordinator, displays the cash gift he received from co-workers at his retirement bash held at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club June 28. Schwartz retired effective July 1 after 43 years of CTA service. He began his career on August 31, 1942 in Shops and Equipment as an inside mail bag handler and booth clerk. During World War II, Schwartz served in the U.S. armed



forces from March 2, 1943 to October 1, 1945 when he rejoined Shops and Equipment as a booth clerk. **Roger Wood**, manager, Management Services, said of Schwartz, "His job involved a wide variety of tasks from chasing down deliveries to straightening out invoices and handling telephone orders. It required a lot of leg work, but I could always depend on John to get the job done. He will be missed."

A cash gift

Munyer retires, to San Diego

David Munyer, cashier in the Treasury Department for the past seven years, ended his 33-year CTA career June 1. Before joining Treasury, Munyer worked in the Claims Department.

About 100 of his friends and coworkers attended a May 29 farewell party honoring Munyer in the CTA Board Room. He was joined by his wife, Karen, and their daughter, Christa. His friends had presented him with a cash gift and a wrist watch. The Munyers have left their home in Park Ridge for a newly built home in San Diego, CA.



David Munyer receives his retirement papers from **William Buetow**, Director, Treasury.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF
THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Meet Your Reporter

Okay, Datacenter Operations, now you know you have a reporter in your midst. So help me out! Surely you have something of interest to contribute to this column. I'll tell you a little about myself. I've been involved in church activities, I'm a Sunday School teacher for three-year-olds, secretary of the Social Ministry Committee, an aide-de-camp for the Lutheran Campgrounds, a delegate to Lutheran Family Services, reader coordinator, and member of the Tape Ministry Committee. Is it true that if you need anything done, ask a busy person? Well, come see me.

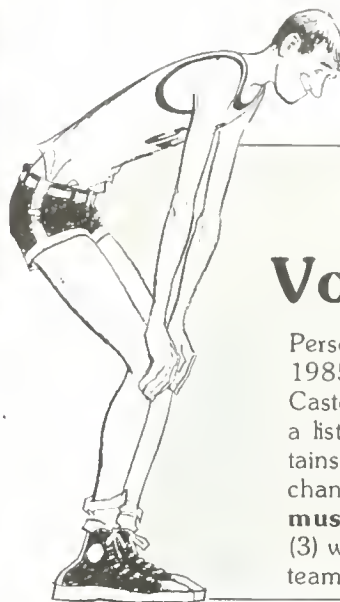


Management Information Systems

OUTGOER: Rene Vargas, Production Control, has transferred to the South Shops. All of us would like to wish him the very best of luck in his new position...**Bruce Weeks**, Quality Assurance, recently announced that his wife, Joan, was eating for two, again. The new addition is due in March, 1986. They have a son, Jared, 4 years old...**Bill Ehrler**, Quality Assurance, received a letter from Governor Thompson in response to Bill's letter to save the Chicago Theater. The Governor seemed to be in favor of

Bill's request. I guess those letters from the public do get read and answered by our politicians... **Bill Smith**, I/O Control, spent a relaxing week at Lake Geneva where he has a cottage. He says he just relaxes and thinks of anything but numbers. (He manages the tape library so numbers is his game.)...**Linda Williams**, I/O Control, and **Andy Rizzuto**, Hardware, are still not smoking. Keep up the good work!..I would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness when my father, William E. Frangello Sr., passed away on June 25. Fortunately, I had flown down to New Orleans upon learning of his serious illness the weekend before he died. We had not seen each other in nine years...We are all very sorry that **John (Jack) P. Mar-ron** passed away on July 14 at the age of 52. Jack worked in Systems Development for eight years. He was an avid book reader and loved to take pictures with his disc camera. Our condolences to his family.

Patricia Glines



Attention Coed Volleyballers!

Persons interested in Volleyball 1985-86 should contact D. Caston, Ext. 4257, Mart, or send a list of team members and captains names to D. Caston, Merchandise Mart, Room 754. You **must** have a minimum of three (3) women and three (3) men per team.

Washington Garage

Happy 50th Birthday to **Tom Lenoir** and Superintendent **Herbert Williams**...**Howard Means** took a REAL vacation---one whole month, from South Carolina to Atlan-

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

25 Years

Cleaven Brogdon, Bus Dist. A
Joseph Buscemi, Track & Roadway
James Fichter, Rail Instruction
Robert Hargrave, Body D
John Jarecki Jr., Bus Service
William Knudsen, Forest Glen
Charles Laskowski, Signal, Phone & Radio
Joseph Lazzara, Archer
Joe Mack, Forest Park
Edward McCutcheon Jr., Kedzie
Mickey Reeder, Archer
Edward Rich, 77th Street
Henry Schumer, Track & Roadway
Ronald Sorenson, Douglas/Congress
John Ward, Support Serv., Bus

30 Years

Samuel Adams Jr., North Park
Earlie Bryant, North Avenue
Hillard Derengowski, North Park
Martin Dzincioloski, Kedzie
James Heidewald, Archer
Russell Lipari, Data Proc. & Off. Adm.
Vincent Patellaro, Gen'l Maintenance
Willie Pickett, Budget & Adm.

35 Years

Frenchie Ellis, Tech. Services
Stuart Maginnis, Quality Control/Bus
Francis Mullen, Workers Compensation
Phillip O'Connor, North Park
Michael O'Toole, Elec. Dist
Daniel Perk, Finance

THE INSIDE NEWS

ta, Georgia, to Washington, D.C., to Brooklyn, New York, and back to Chicago! **Tommie Davis** vacationed for two weeks in Chattanooga, Tenn., while **Jonas Barnett** went to Little Rock, Arkansas, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and then Kansas City for a 35th class reunion. Jackson, Mississippi, and the State of Florida were **Nathaniel Masley's** vacation spas. Six glorious weeks visiting Mackinaw City, Canada, and Wisconsin were **Eugene Brudney's** vacation escape. Mrs. **Frances Johnson** and hubby celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary vacationing in New Orleans. The **Alan Glickmans** vacationed in Louisville, Kentucky, attending a National Convention for the Blind. **Irvin Perry** vacationed in Marion, Alabama, for three weeks. **C. A. Jimenez** went to San Diego and San Francisco, California, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. **Willie Robertson** took one week in Decala, Alabama. **Booker Henry** vacationed for two weeks in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended the West Point, Mississippi High School reunion. And last but not least, Superintendent **James Payne** did something REALLY different and exciting for a one-week vacation--he stayed at home. Wow! Was anyone here during the past month?? Remember, folks, give me your news before the first of the month. That way we make sure it gets into Transit News.

Ruth Smith

Materials Management

Russell Lipari, file clerk, is proud of his 24-year-old son, Peter. Peter started taking piano lessons when he could barely reach the pedals. After outgrowing several piano teachers, he took lessons with Iris Zahara. She knew his potential and knew how to get the most out of him. Peter attended Oak Forest High School and was conductor of the student band. During the summers, he was piano accompanist for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine-sponsored musical, "Annie Get Your Gun."

He was recipient of Illinois state scholarships and the Pullman Scholarship. Peter got his Bachelor of Science in



Music Education from the University of Illinois. He was active in their concert band, too.

While working for his Master of Music degree at Northwestern University, he was assistant conductor of "Vanessa." It was at Northwestern where he met the famous composer, Giancarlo Menotti (a familiar work of his is "Amahl and the Night Visitor"), who asked Peter to be assistant conductor at the Spoleto Festival of Music in Charleston, South Carolina. This was Peter's chance to go to Spoleto, Italy, for their festival. His performance was "extraordinaire." He has just finished his second season with the Spoleto.

Home about a month, Peter received a telephone call from Alexandria, Italy. They were looking for a young American composer. Off to Italy again!

When Peter's not working abroad, he conducts the Chicago Heights Youth Symphony, a branch of the Chicago Heights Symphony. In his spare time he plays in a dance band, "After Hours."

We wish Symphony Conductor Peter D. Lipari success. We know he will reach the heights in the field of music.

Russ also wants us to know that he and his wife, Rosalie, have three other children, and they can write a story about each of them. That's one proud family!

We extend our condolences to the families of **Rod Daugherty**, superintendent, Procurement Engineers, whose wife, Beatrice, passed away; to **Helena Ward**, receptionist, whose son, David, died, and to **Larry Murphy**, Affirmative Action, whose mother, Ollie Murphy, died in Lakewood, Colorado. Also, to the family of **John P. O'Connor**, retired director of Passenger Controls and Graphics, who died suddenly. All of them wish to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy. To help us at times like these--"Life is made of volumes three, the Past, the Present and the Yet To Be; the Past is gone and laid away, the Present we are living day by day; and last of all is volume three: No one knows--God holds the key."

Operations

Colette (Szczepanek) Jackson, former executive secretary, Transportation department, paid us a surprise visit donning her western fashions. It was good seeing her again. To refresh your memory, "Cookie" left CTA seven years ago. She is happily married to Dr. James R. Jackson. They live in Paris, Texas. Colette is kept busy babysitting for their two granddaughters, Alicia and Angela; keeping house; caring for her garden which is filled with vegetables;

Pensioners

STANLEY BARNAS, Shopman I,
Rail Shops, Emp. 6-13-60

MARY J. BOSKI, Office Manager,
Executive, Emp. 12-26-50

EDWARD W. BURNITZ, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-19-56

EUGENE CORKER, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 2-5-51

TYRONZA HANCOCK, Janitor,
North Park, Emp. 7-19-54

ADAM L. KNERR, Track Foreman,
West Shops, Emp. 6-29-60

CONSTANTINE J. LAMBROS, Ticket Agent,
Kimball, Emp. 3-25-63

SALVATORE F. MUSCARELLO, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 6-13-60

DALE PETERS, Box Puller,
North Park, Emp. 8-24-48

JOHN D. SCHWARTZ, Spec. Proj. Coord.,
Management Services, Emp. 8-31-42

ALBERT SILINS, Cond./Motorman,
North Section, Emp. 2-15-51

WILLIAM A. TAYLOR, Bus Controller,
Control Center, Emp. 2-28-44

RAPHAEL WILSON, Collector,
77th Street, Emp. 2-4-54

FRANK J. WISCHLER, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-25-59

EDWARD C. ZAMIAR, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 9-28-67

Disability Retirements

VICTOR E. COLLINS, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 3-13-61

LAWRENCE C. RILEY, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 6-6-66

DEVIRGE WATT, Bus Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 10-31-68

PEARLIE M. WILLIAMS, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 4-24-75



CTA finalists for Superior Public Service Awards displaying their certificates of recognition are (from left) **Mario Ochoa**, Affirmative Action; **Fiore Adelizzi**, Real Estate; **Walter Lemons Jr.** and **Simeon Daigle**, Operations Division. Supervisors joining in the celebration are **Larry Murphy**, Affirmative Action; **Merritt Kotin**, Real Estate; and **William Thompson** and **Joe Vodvarka**, Operations. **Mrs. Geri Tapling**, superintendent, Employment and Placement, was coordinator for CTA's SPSA nominations.

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and sharing the work raising cattle on their farm, which is approximately 20 miles from home. While Colette was in town, she heard from **Audrey Petersen**, former executive secretary, Operations. Audrey and her husband, Howard, are enjoying their retirement. Colette also heard from **Charles Keiser**, retired Operations Manager, and his wife, Myra. All of them send best regards to their CTA friends.

Retirees

Enjoying dinner at a nearby restaurant recently were **Al Lathouwers**, retired supervisor, Payroll; **Jim Touhy**, retired contract clerk, Accounts Payable, and the newest retiree, **Bob LaVoie**, schedule maker. Al is busy working at golf tournaments; Bob enjoys traveling, and Jim is busier than ever. The three of them look great and say hello to their friends.

Quality Assurance

Ron Glaser Jr., the son of **Ron Glaser Sr.**, superintendent, Quality Assurance, was awarded the 1985 AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) Teenage Mr. Illinois title for body building on Saturday, June 1, 1985, in competition held in Wheaton, Illinois. He took first place in the 19-year-old class, as well as being the overall contest winner. He received trophies for both categories. Ron resides in Arlington Heights with his parents. He is a 1983 graduate of Prospect High School and this fall will enter his junior year at Illinois State University, where he has been on the Dean's List and is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.



Arlene Zittman

North Section

When the luxury cruise ship, S.S. Dolphin, sailed out of Miami Harbor, en route for the Bahamas, **Sterling Battle**, janitor, North Section, was aboard. Among their stops was Cove Island, Jamaica, and the aptly-named Paradise Island, where gambling is legal. The food was delicious, the nights were balmy, and although Sterling lost a "Crazy Legs" contest, he had a marvelous time...Dr. Juan A. Asensio, son of **Jose A. Asensio**, rail maintenance at Madison/Wabash, has completed six and a half years of surgical residency at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo. Juan, 32, a former summer employee for several years, will now begin special training as a Trauma Surgery and Critical Care Fellow at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas/Parkland Hospital. He will also join the faculty as an instructor of surgery. He is a 1975 graduate of the University of Illinois, and received the doctor of medicine degree in 1979 from Chicago's Rush Medical College. Dr. Asensio received his surgical training at Northwestern University and the Medical College of Ohio where he was also clinical instructor of surgery and chief resident.



Jo Anderson

North Park

Well, why not start off with our current students in training, namely **E. Ethiopia**, **H. Ethiopia** (brothers!), **D. Blue**, **R. Azeez**, **P. Alexander**, **A. Campbell**, **D. Per-**

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son, **W. Buckley**, **D. Clark**, **D. Cardenas**, **J. Pegues**, **K. Marshall**, **T. Herring**, and oh yes, **M. Alfred**, **A. Polk**, **M. Collins** and **T. Morrow**, who were this reporter's students. Hmmm, by now they should be on the street having the time of their lives as they pull up to that sea of smiling faces at the bus stop. Have a SAFE summer, people...Former North Park operator **Burt Schwartz**, now at Archer, says he's never been happier and now works the extra board...Supervisor **Willie Prince**, B District, attended the Hoinke Classic Bowling Tournament recently in Cincinnati, Ohio...Don't want to see her leave, but operator **Madalline Martin** says why not? After 6½ years, she's interested in new fields...Pioneers like Daniel Boone and the settlers of the old West were hardy souls as they sometimes lived outdoors and cooked over their campfires. This reporter tried that lifestyle recently on vacation in Wisconsin, and admits outdoor living is different. But bringing along that electric blanket, portable tv, radio and golf clubs helps immensely...Getting closer to fame? Operator **Leonard (Sheridan Road) Lloyd**, with 14 other hopefuls, auditioned at the Drake Hotel in a "Prince" Lookalike contest which in turn is part of a nationwide search being conducted by the Ron Smith Lookalike Agency of Los Angeles, California. Contestants in Chicago were featured on Channels 2 and 5, and were also given a segment on Channel 2's Bob Sirott Show. Finalists received one-year contracts and/or guest shots on a syndicated TV program. And yes, ladies, they're looking for "Madonna" lookalikes when they return to Chicago...Speaking of lookalikes, operator **Vicki Nesbit** visited THAT male dancer hotspot, the Sugar Shack, and came back with photos. Now the question is, why was everyone who saw the photos smiling?...Instructor **Willie McFall** was probaly all smiles as he awaited the first of 12 vaccinations required for his army reserve training in beautiful Cairo, Egypt, this year. 1st Sergeant McFall mentions that volunteers able to qualify are more than welcome. So...Operator **Angelo Rosario** was last seen busily figuring out his retirement income when picking up his pension plan statement after realizing he's just reached his 12th year anniversary...Hope you all attended the Bus Rodeo and gave a whistle and a cheer for our friends at North Park who qualified. Congratulations to the winners...Sure would be nice if a driver handed one of the box pullers a cold pop while he's emptying the farebox, wouldn't it? Of course, if you've never worked the vaults during the summer heat, you probably haven't had such a thought as this...or have you?...A birthday greeting to box puller **Louis Ferando**...Well, it's time to say goodbye to three really nice people who this scribe and many other people have had the

good fortune to know. Our credit union president, **Dale Peters**, is retiring with 37 years of service. Dale and his wife are heading for Nashville, Arkansas, and plan on being busy doing a little farming. **Salvator "Sam" Muscarello**, who with Dale has been out there working as a box puller in rain or shine, winter and summer, and always had a kind word for all of us, even if he was breaking in a new box puller truly) who couldn't get the hang of things. Sam somehow found himself a home here at North Park and says all of his 25 years of service have been at this location. Boca Raton, Florida, is where you can address correspondence for Sam and the Mrs. And surely there's going to be one good card player missing from his usual seat when everyone else pulls up a chair. **Tyronza "California" Hancock**, our always-friendly janitor, will be completing 31 years and says he plans on remaining in Chicago. "California," as he is known among us, originally started at Archer garage and worked there for 21 years. For those of us who are curious about nicknames, Mr. Hancock's came about from his originally working the South California bus route. We wish these gentlemen a long and happy retirement in good health!

Mike Flores

Internal Audit

Chairman

Michael Cardilli happily accepted a baseball team shirt from **James Fiorito**, captain of the Capital Development baseball team (left) and team member **John Kurtovich** (center), making him



honorary team captain. **Al Petska** (not shown) is the team's third baseman. When asked how the team did for the season, Jim said, "The season is short, the games are long, and next season holds promise." Good luck to a real winning team, guys!..Congratulations to **Carol Musto** on her move to Operations. She deserves only the best...Happy birthday wishes went to **Kenneth Ford** of Internal Audit on July 15. This department enjoyed cake his sister Natalie baked for the occasion...Welcome to **Jerry Mroz** who just joined the Internal Audit staff. Jerry is just what the state auditor ordered...Best wishes to **Marv Miretzky** on his promotion.

IN MEMORIAM

NORMAN M. CLARK, 84, Kimball,
Emp. 5-9-18, Died 5-13-85

JOHN G. CORDA, 92, West Sect.,
Emp. 1-27-11, Died 5-3-85

JOHN CORRIGAN, 88, South Shops,
Emp. 5-5-42, Died 5-15-85

THEODORE T. COWGILL, 82, Schedules,
Emp. 4-15-29, Died 4-11-85

EMIL O. CZECH, 85, West Sect.,
Emp. 4-30-18, Died 5-25-85

JAMES J. DRAKE, 83, Beverly,
Emp. 9-8-25, Died 5-10-85

RAYMOND F. EBEL, 81, North Avenue
Emp. 5-12-43, Died 5-1-85

FRANK J. FRIEDL Jr., 73, Stores,
Emp. 5-1-41, Died 5-5-85

HARRY R. GENNETT, 74, Archer,
Emp. 10-24-33, Died 5-7-85

EDWARD T. HAVLICEK, 83, Engineering,
Emp. 9-19-42, Died 5-9-85

FRANK J. HIGGINS, 84, West Sect.,
Emp. 12-13-40, Died 5-8-85

SALVATORE SCIABICA, 84, Transportation,
Emp. 6-9-36, Died 5-14-85

ALBERT SIEGEL, 78, North Park,
Emp. 8-8-42, Died 5-4-85

ARTHUR A. SIM, 74, South Dist.,
Emp. 4-10-42, Died 5-16-85

HAZE P. TROUTMAN, 81, West Sect.,
Emp. 3-19-04, Died 5-5-85

EDWARD F. VON SPRECKEN, 83, North Sect.,
Emp. 4-9-23, Died 4-20-85

GEORGE E. WAGNER, 74, Electrical,
Emp. 5-16-29, Died 5-9-85



Officers of the CTA Senior Retirement Organization, Inc. met at the Venice Banquet Hall recently to discuss plans for the annual picnic set for August 31 in North Riverside Grove 2. **Harold Burda**, assistant secretary and editor, said CTA employees are cordially invited to attend the annual picnic where several prizes are being offered. Officers for 1985-86 are (from left) **Jack Kalka**, secretary; **William Klecka**, assistant treasurer; **Pete Doudal**, treasurer; **Andy Kohlstedt**, second vice president; **Harold Burda**, and **Clarence Lind**, president. Not present was **Charles Wesley**, first vice president. Any CTA retiree interested in joining the CTA Senior Retirement Organization should contact **Jack Kalke** at 484-6610. A \$10 fee buys a life time membership. The organization is chartered by the State of Illinois and the National Council of Senior Citizens in Washington. It is also affiliated with the Greater Chicago Council of Senior Citizens.

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We will all miss him...**R. Andrzejewski** of this department has been ill, but is now on the health come-back trail. Take it easy and hurry back...**Chuck Karneffel** went to San Francisco on an Internal Audit Revenue Seminar sponsored by the American Public Transit Association (APTA). Chuck came back with new thoughts and ideas. Keep up the good work, Chuck.

Joyce Petrich

Control Center

Laura Jean Rowbotom, daughter of CTA retiree **Harold Rowbotom**, former transit project representative, received the bachelor of journalism degree from the University of Missouri School of Journalism. NBC White House Correspondent Sam Donaldson, the baccalaureate speaker, pauses with the happy graduate...Education is a family affair in the **Ronald** and



Tessa Gaines household. Gaines, a policeman, has just earned a master of science degree in criminal justice and corrections from Chicago State University. He returns to the classroom this fall to begin doctoral studies in public policy and analysis at Circle Campus. Gaines' wife, Tessa, a CTA bus controller, is also a graduate student of CSU where she

seeks an M.A. degree in business administration...**Joan Cleary** graduated from DePaul University. She will enter law school this September. Joan is the daughter of retiree **Peter Cleary**, formerly of Archer Repair...Congratulations to **Ivan Travez Droira** who graduated from Joliet Catholic High School where he's been an honor roll student since his freshman year. He is a recipient of the International Foreign Language Award, listed in the National Honor Society, and was in Who's Who Among American High School Students. Ivan enjoys intramurals and drawing. He plans to study electrical engineering next year at Northwestern University. Ivan is the nephew of **Marcelo Droira**, Forest Glen.



Joan Cleary



Ivan Travez Droira

Carol Musto

Sales coordinator's son pitches in Wrigley Field

American Legion MVP pitcher **Steve Culkar** (left), Chicago Cubs general manager **Dallas Green**, and American Legion representative **Leroy Leister** were among guests at the Baseball Oldtimers Banquet where Culkar received the Heckinger Youth Award.



◀ Harper College pitcher **Steve Culkar** at Wrigley Field.



Now that he's already had a taste of what it's like to hurl the sphere in the ole ball yard at Addison and Clark, could it be that 19-year old **Steve**

Culkar, son of CTA sales coordinator **Thom Culkar**, is dreaming about a place on the Cubs' roster one day?

Culkar who just finished his

sophomore year at Harper College, was one of three Harper baseball stars representing the North Squad of the 1985 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region Four All-Star doubleheader at Wrigley Field on May 15.

The two seven-inning games showcased the finest junior college sophomores in the northern half of Illinois, and attracted scores of college and pro scouts, including representatives from all 26 major league clubs.

The six-foot, 175 pound Culkar whose pitching earned him the American Legion's Most Valuable Player Award last year, started game two for the North, allowed just one hit in two innings, and struck out three batters with pitches clocked in the upper 80s.

In August, the broadcast journalism major begins his junior year at the University of Kentucky in Lexington which has offered him a full two-year scholarship.

"I've waited for this day since I was eight years old. All of the extra effort put forth as I was growing up has paid off," he said.

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Pass for a hero

CTA Chairman **Michael A. Cardilli** (left) expresses his appreciation to 32-year old **Steven Edwards** of Chicago, who went to the rescue of a woman passenger on a northbound Ashland avenue bus on May 15 after she was attacked by a man who robbed her of a gold chain. Edwards chased the man, retrieved the chain, and held the attacker until police arrived. A free monthly riding pass was presented to Edwards for coming to the woman's aid. "We sincerely appreciate your getting involved as you did," the Chairman told Edwards.



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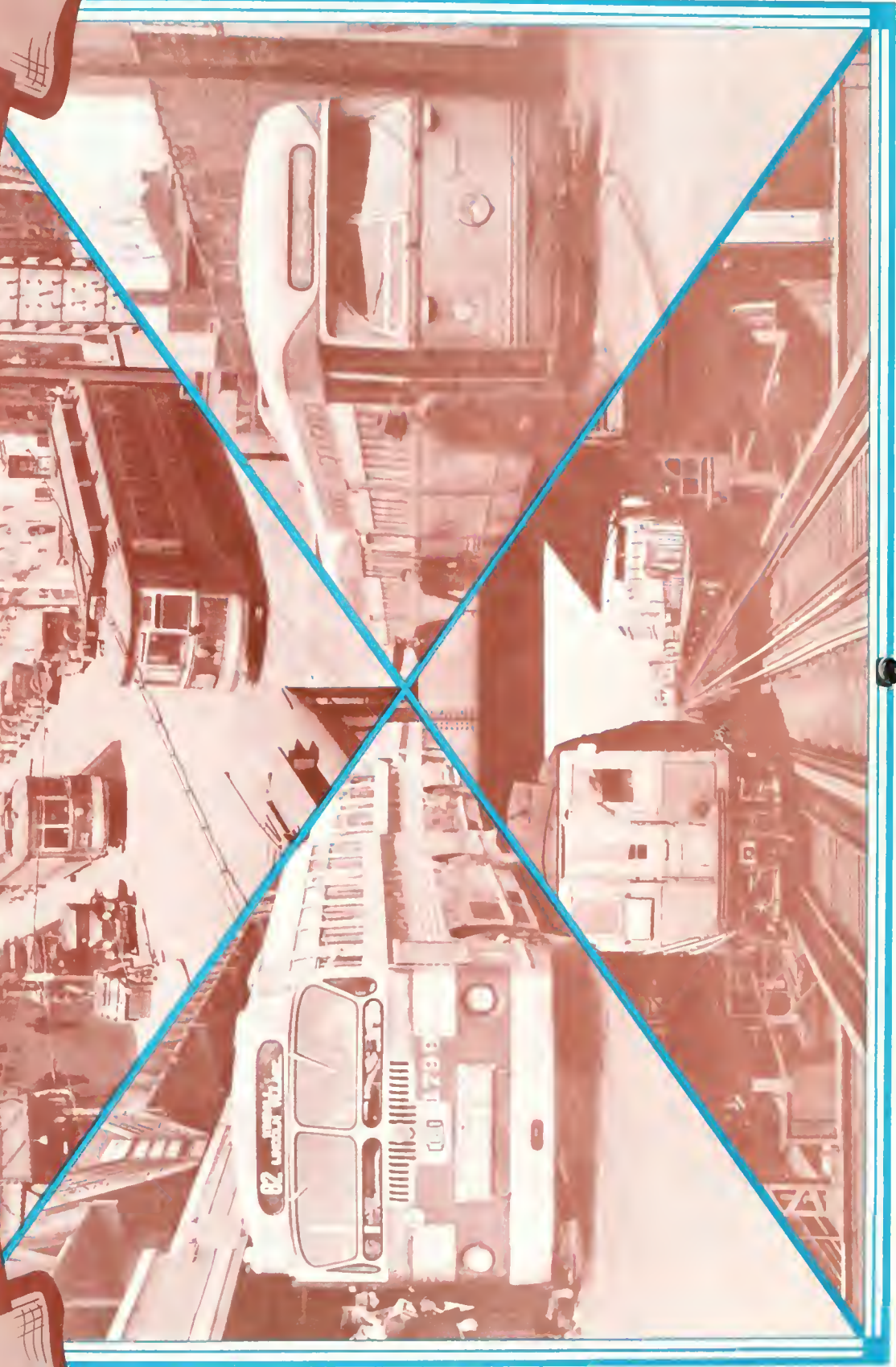
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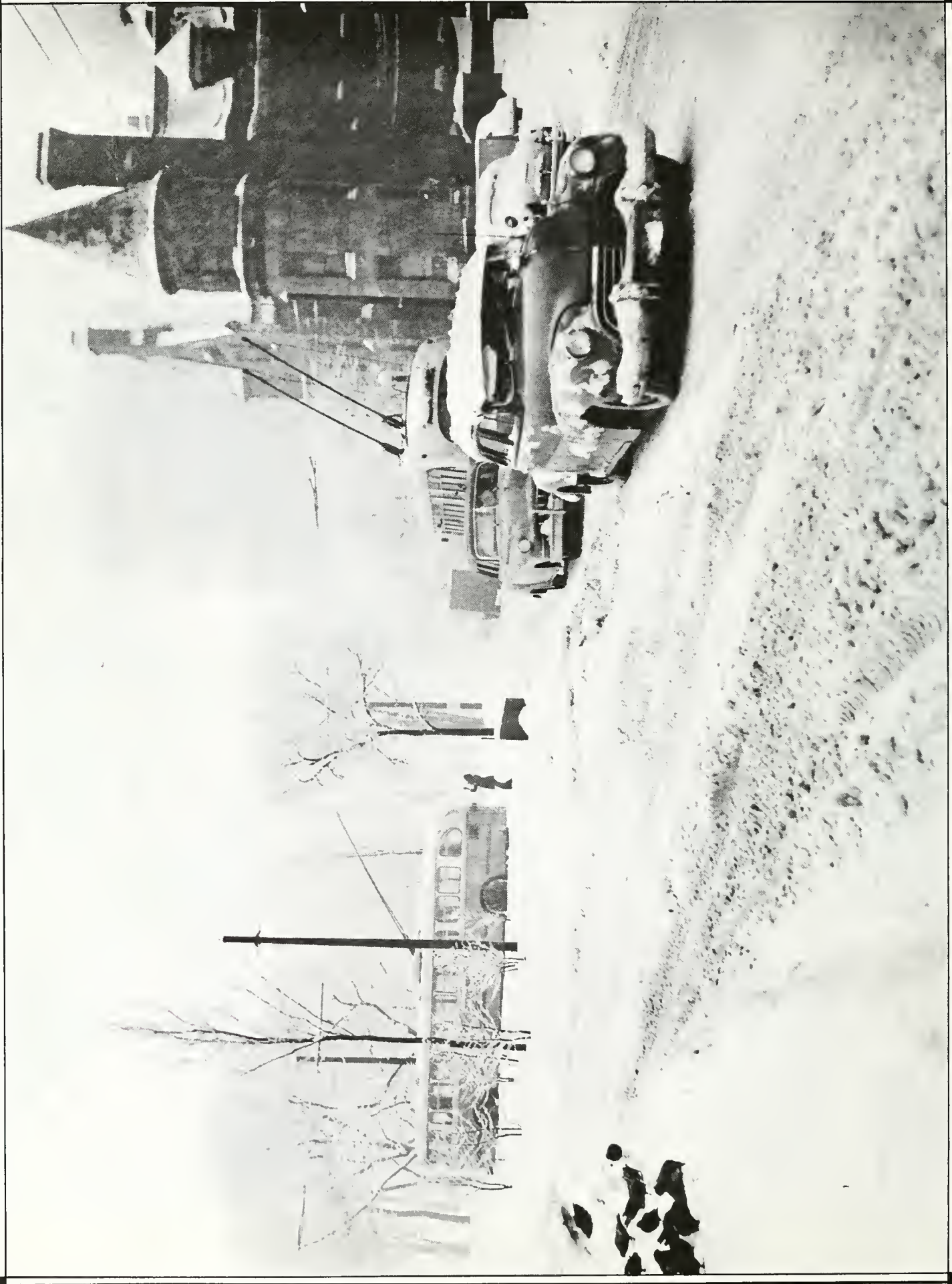


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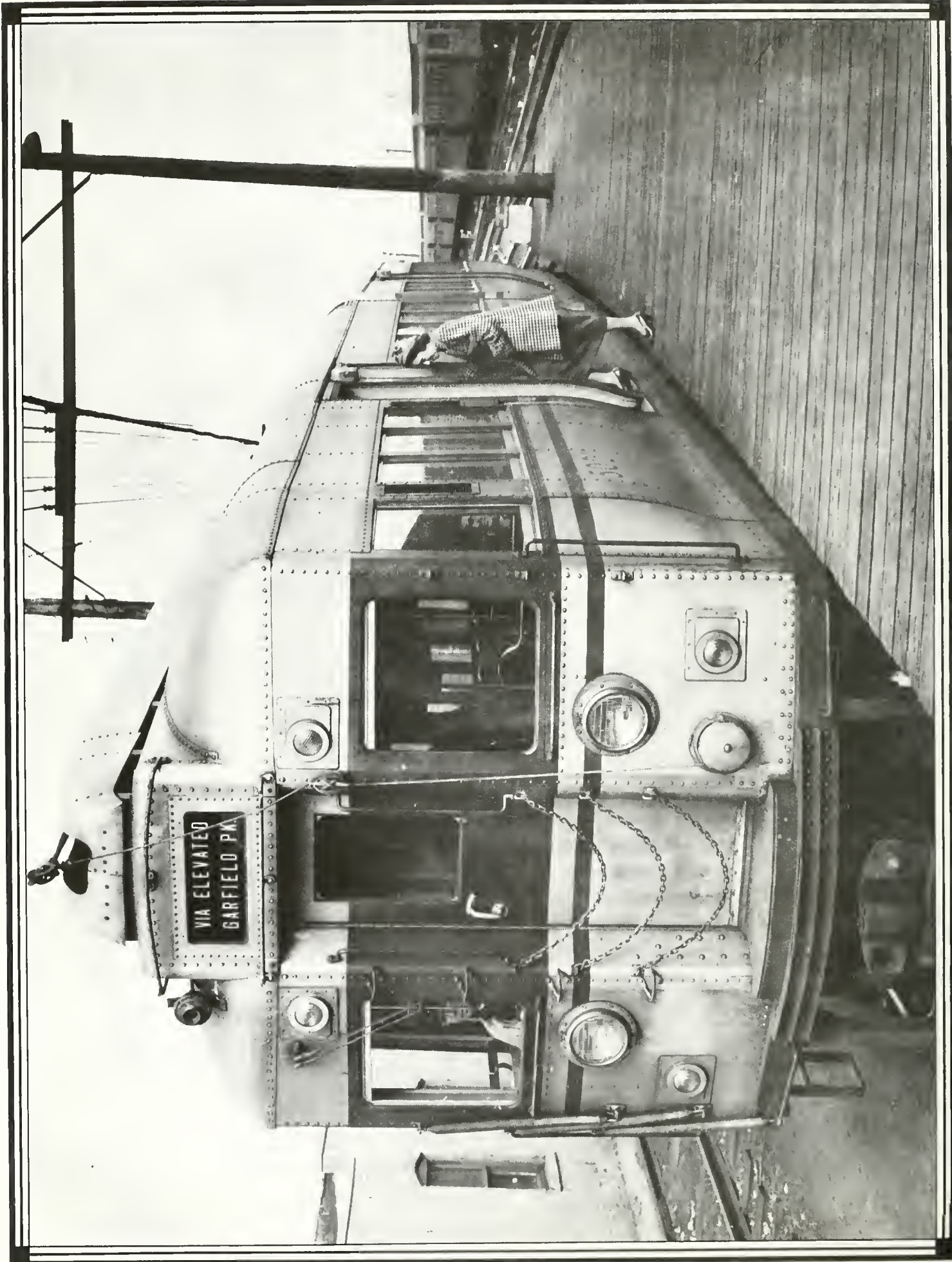


A 1951 winter storm slowed but didn't stop service on North Avenue as operator adjusts pole on Brill trolley bus at the Lincoln Park terminal.

January 1986

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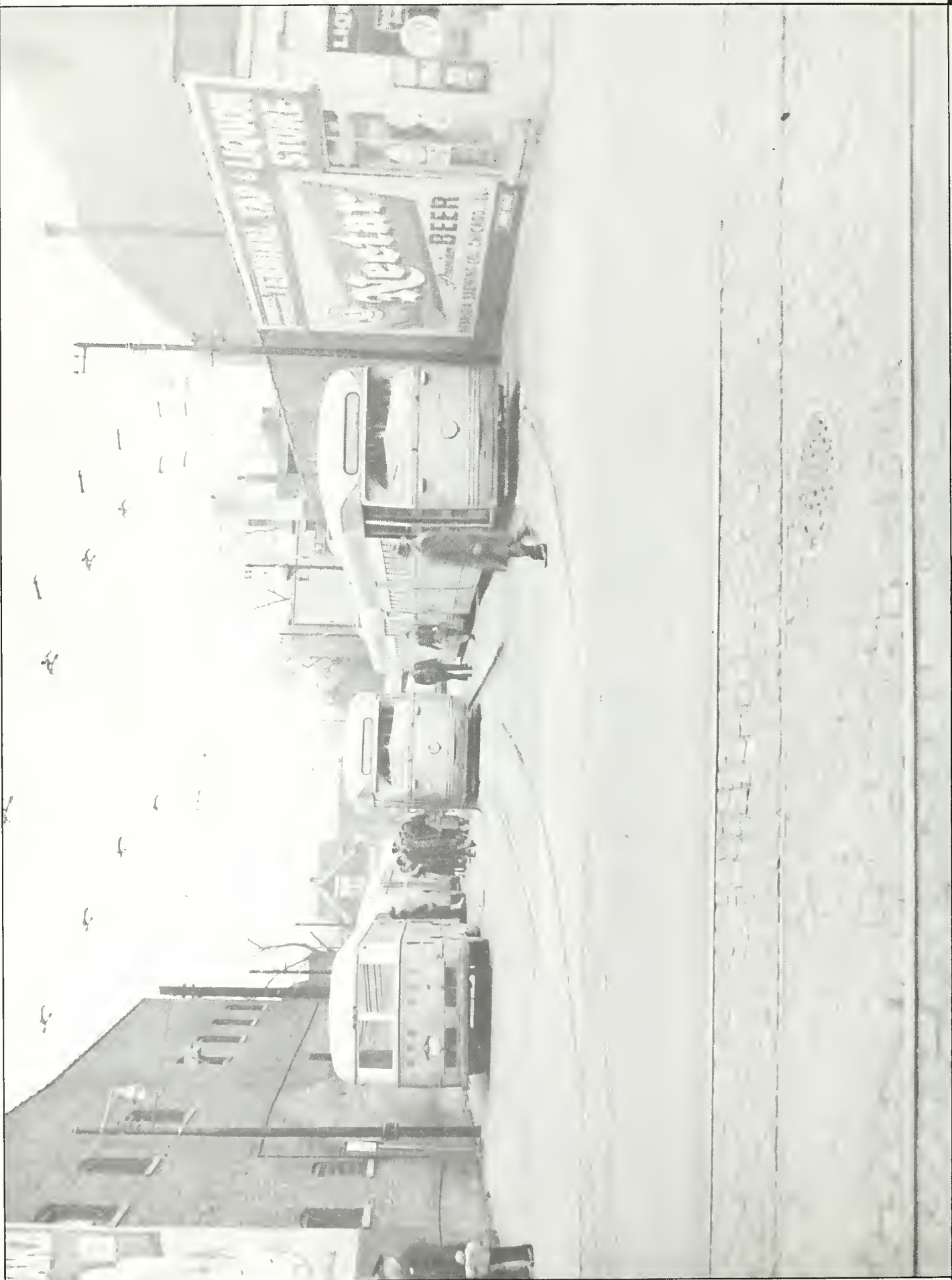


Delivered a year before this 1948 photo, CTA's first articulated car stops westbound on the Garfield Park route using the local track at Laramie.

February 1986

Chicago Transit Authority

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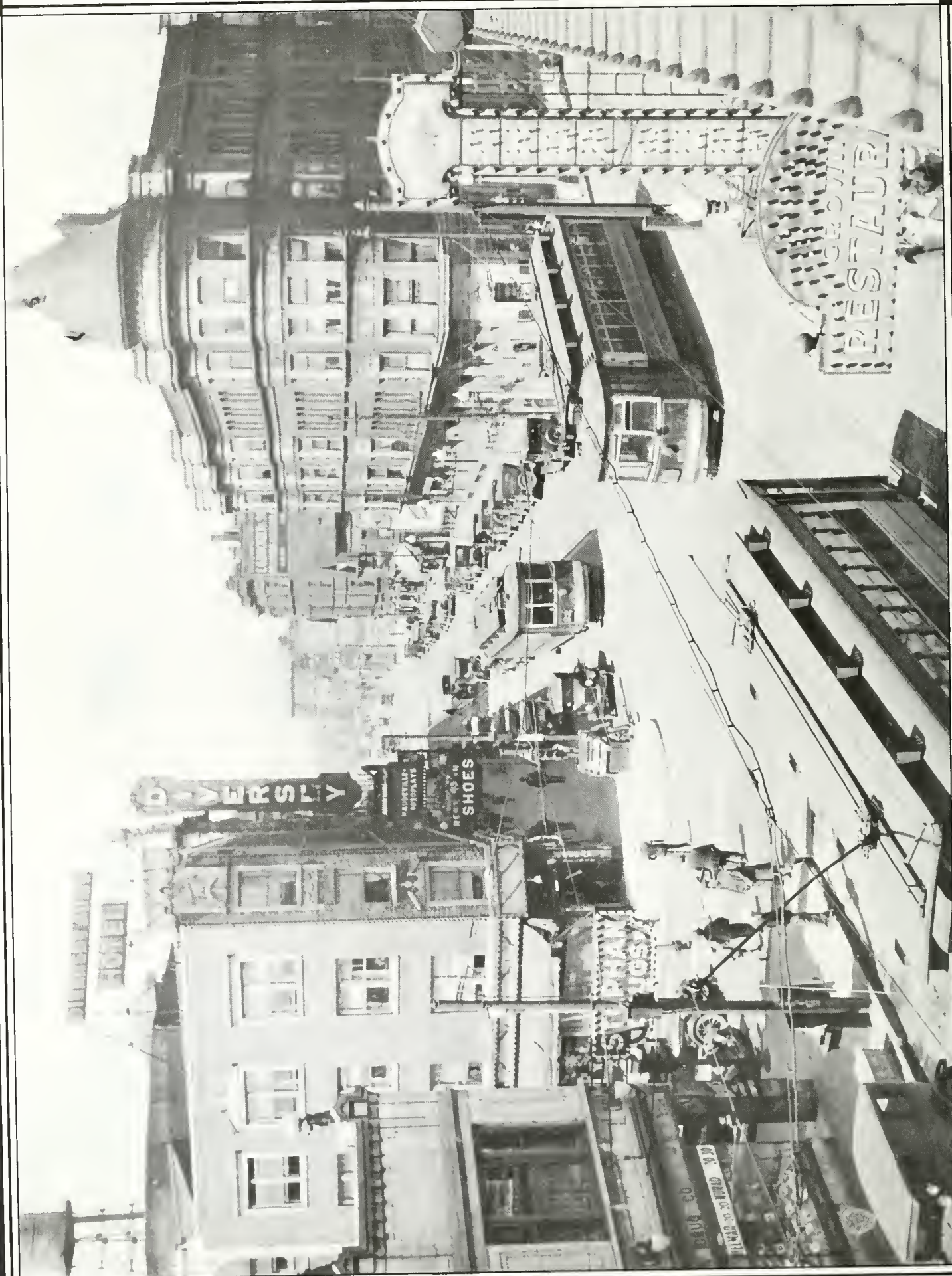


In the early 1950s, 'Green Hornet' Halsted streetcars shared the terminal at 79th with Ford and GM buses from the South Halsted and Vincennes/111 routes.

March 1986

Chicago Transit Authority

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16 F	17 G	18 A	19 B	20 C	21 D	22 E
	St. Patrick's Day					
23 E Palm Sunday	24 F	25 G	26 A	27 B	28 C	29 D
30 D Easter	31 E				Good Friday	



April 1986

Chicago Transit Authority

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27 G	28 A	29 B	30 C	Passover (First Day)		



Lily ponds beautified both sides of Madison Street in this late 1940s photo of a 'Green Hornet' streetcar heading east through Garfield Park.

May 1986

Chicago Transit Authority

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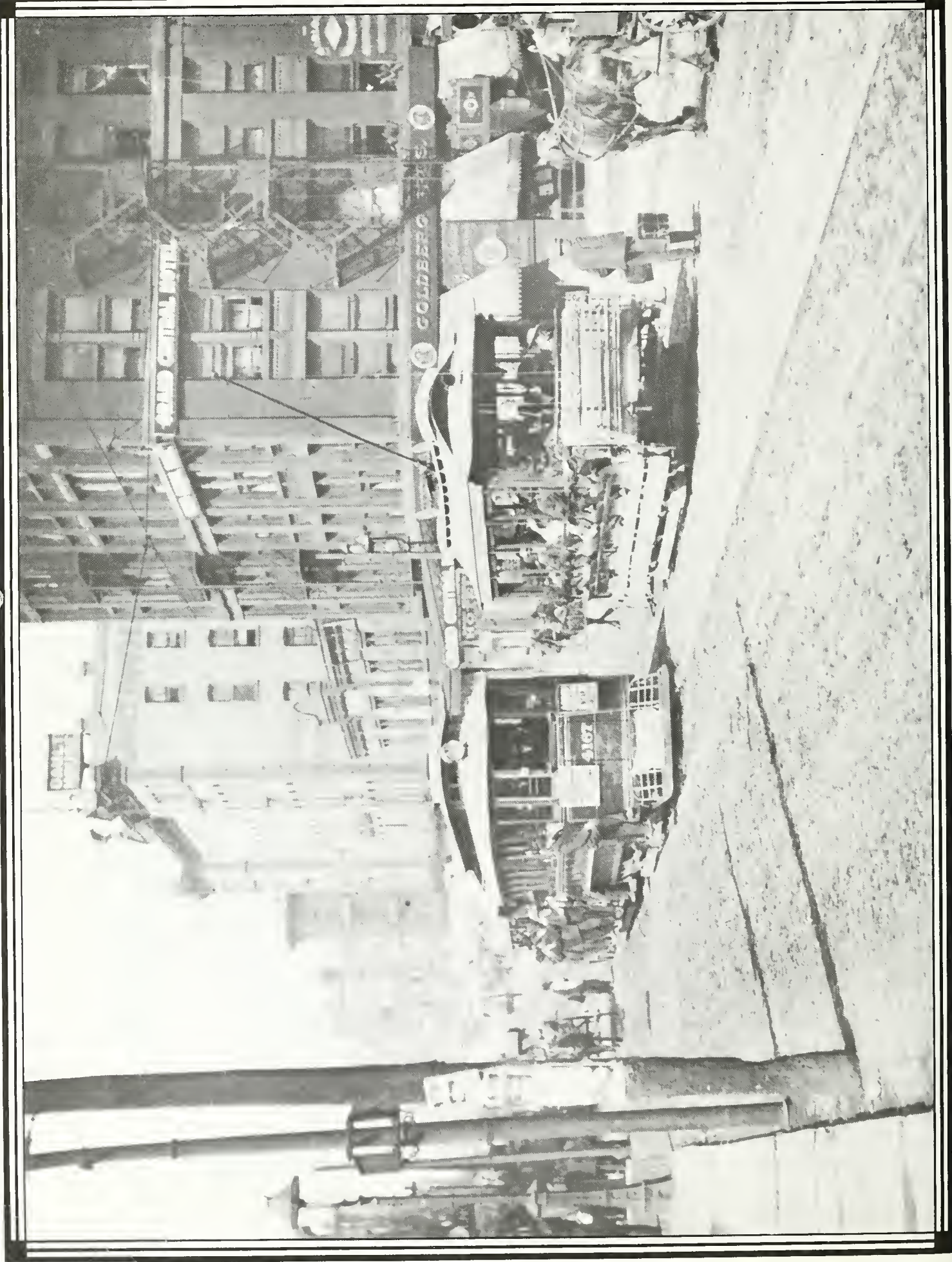


A Lake Street Express train continues its trip toward the Loop after a stop at the original Lake Transfer station near Paulina in the early 1940s.

June 1986

Chicago Transit Authority

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 B	2 C	3 D	4 E	5 F	6 G	7 A
8 A	9 B	10 C	11 D	12 E	13 F	14 G Flag Day
15 G Father's Day	16 A	17 B	18 C	19 D	20 E	21 F
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Pedestrians had to fend for themselves on Madison at Canal Street in this 1906 photo taken just after trolley service was extended into the Loop.

July 1986

Chicago Transit Authority

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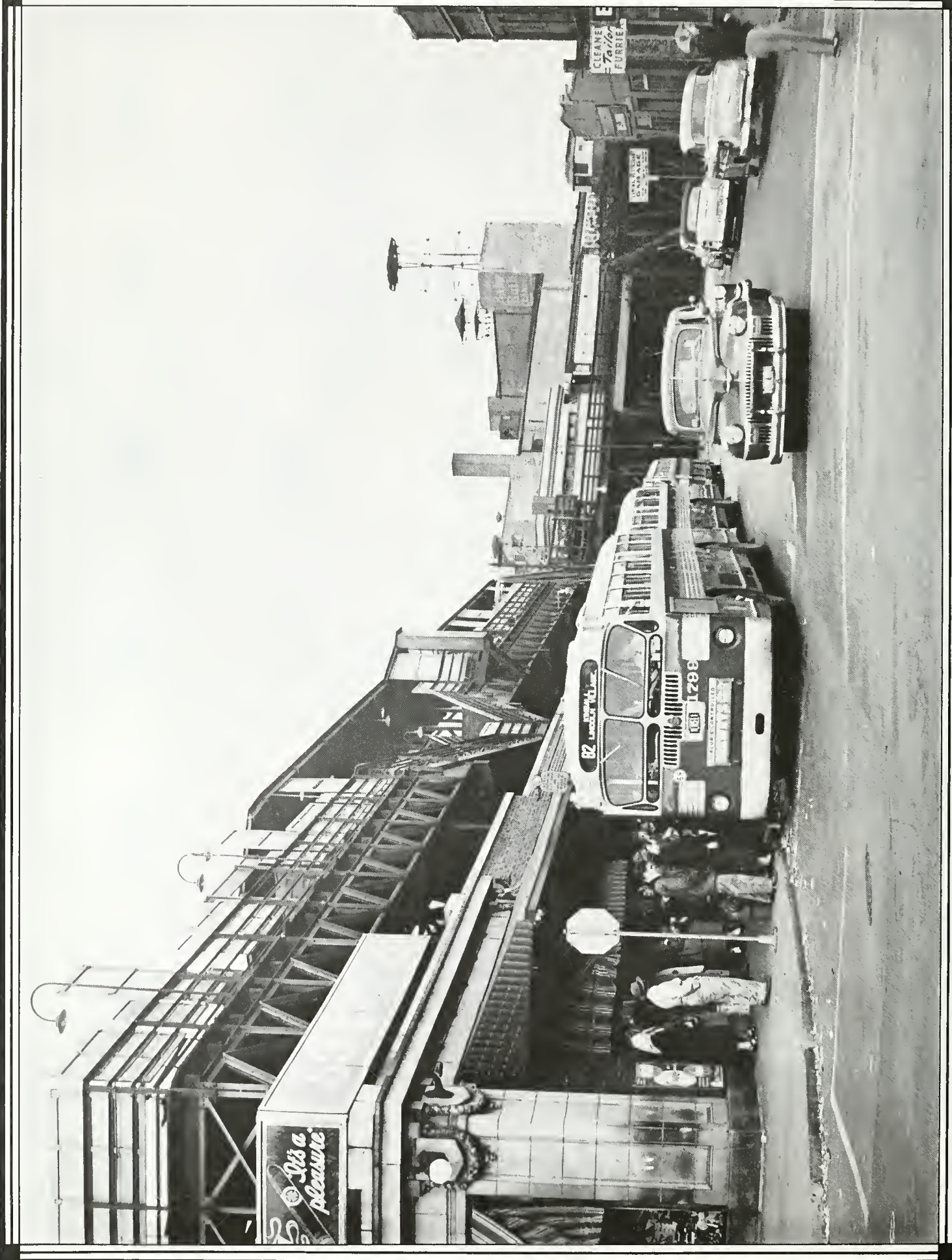


Few stations were as remote as the single-track terminal at Mannheim/22nd, where shuttle car 2892 waits to make the trip back to Roosevelt Rd. in 1946.

August 1986

Chicago Transit Authority

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31 C						



When Logan Square was the end of the West/Northwest route in 1954, buses lined up on Linden Place at Kedzie to take riders farther north and west.

September 1986

Chicago Transit Authority

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 D Labor Day	2 E	3 F	4 G	5 A	6 B
7 B	8 C	9 D	10 E	11 F	12 G	13 A
14 A	15 B	16 C	17 D	18 E	19 F	20 G
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Track work slows a Brill-built streetcar heading south along Halsted toward 111th and Sacramento in this 1935 photo of the Hull House complex near Polk.

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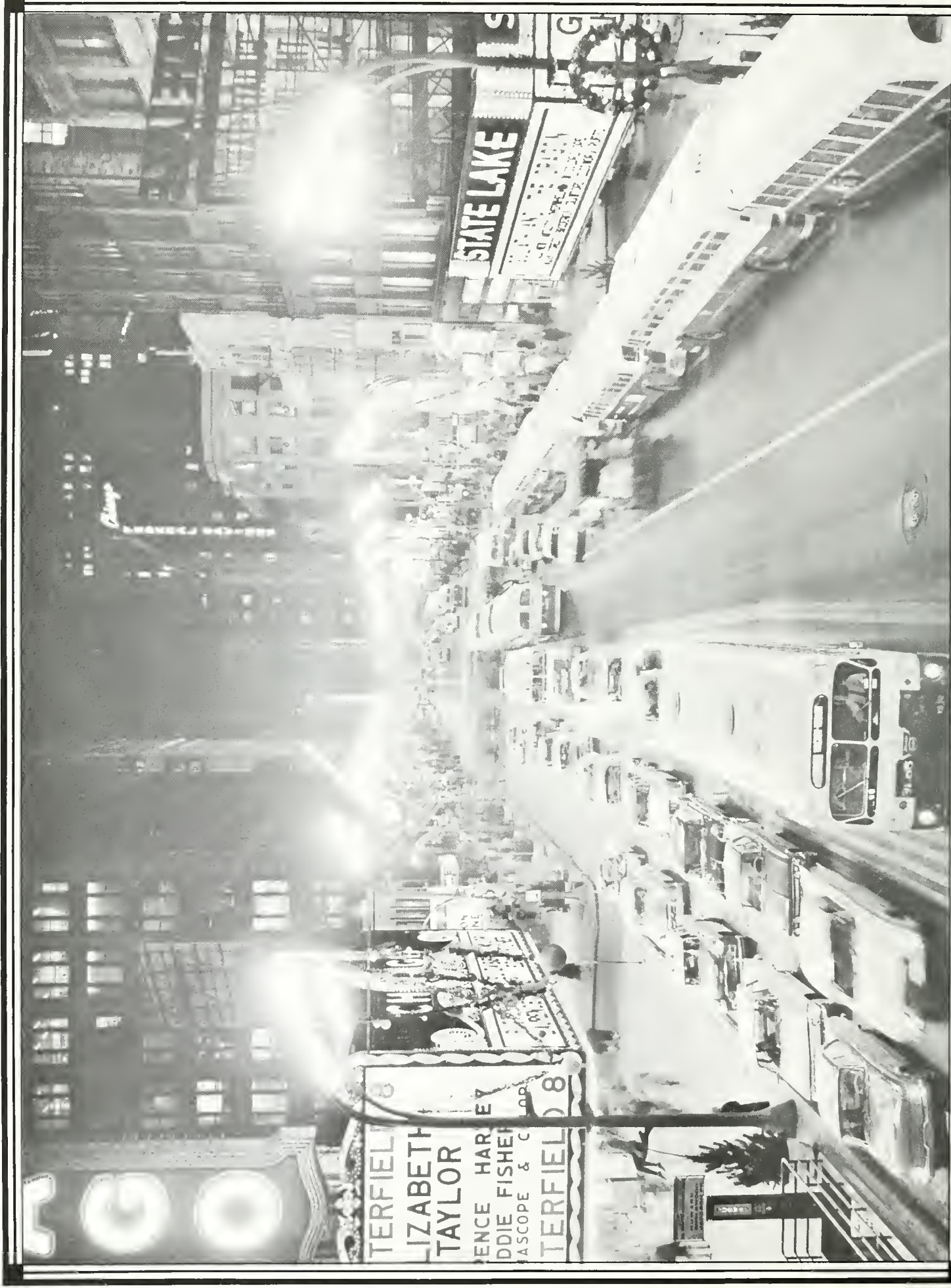
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12 D Columbus Day	13 E Yom Kippur Columbus Day (Observed)	14 F	15 G	16 A	17 B	18 C
19 C	20 D	21 E	22 F	23 G	24 A	25 B
26 B	27 C	28 D	29 E	30 F	31 G United Nations Day Halloween	



November 1986

Chicago Transit Authority

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9 G	10 A	11 B Veteran's Day	12 C	13 D	14 E	15 F
16 F	17 G	18 A	19 B	20 C	21 D	22 E
23 E / 30 D	24 F	25 G	26 A	27 B Thanksgiving Day	28 C	29 D

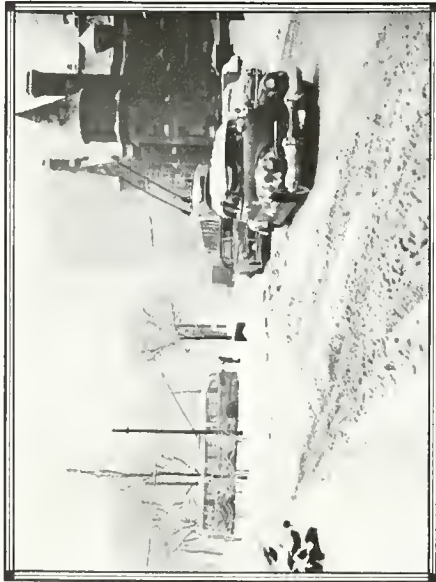


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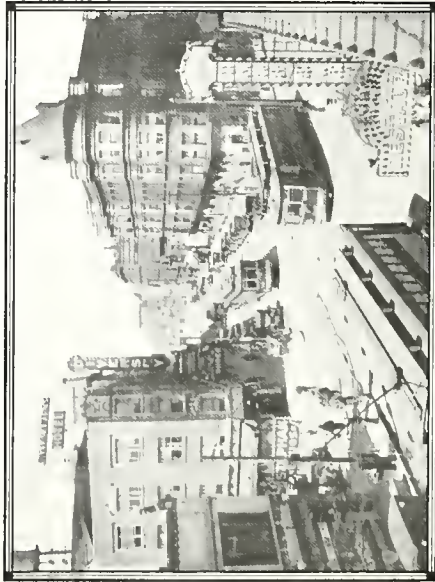
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 E	2 F	3 G Illinois Statehood 1818	4 A	5 B	6 C
7 C	8 D	9 E	10 F	11 G	12 A	13 B
14 B	15 C	16 D	17 E	18 F	19 G	20 A
21 A	22 B	23 C	24 D	25 E Christmas Day	26 F	27 G Hanukkah
28 G	29 A	30 B	31 C		November S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	January S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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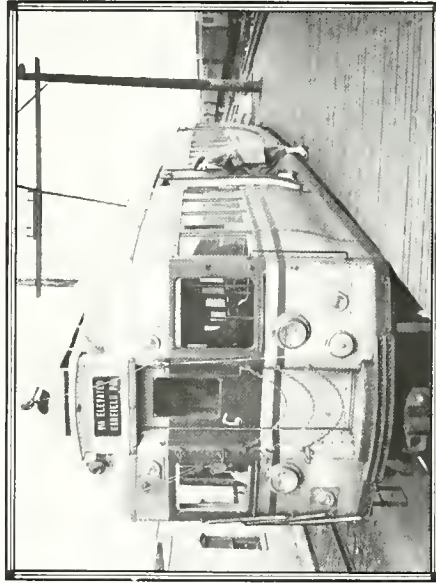
JANUARY

Only a few blocks from Lake Michigan, the Lincoln Park terminal for No. 72 North Avenue buses bears the brunt of winter storms, as this 1951 photo shows. Ready to start his trip west from Clark to Narragansett, an operator adjusts the trolley pole on an A.C.F. Brill, which was part of an order for 120 trolley buses purchased by two predecessor companies and accepted by CTA in 1948. Waiting to enter the terminal is one of 45 Pullman-Standard buses that were also received in 1948 and seated 45 passengers. The Lincoln Park terminal was acquired when trolley buses replaced streetcars on North Avenue in 1949, and has been used by diesel buses since 1973.



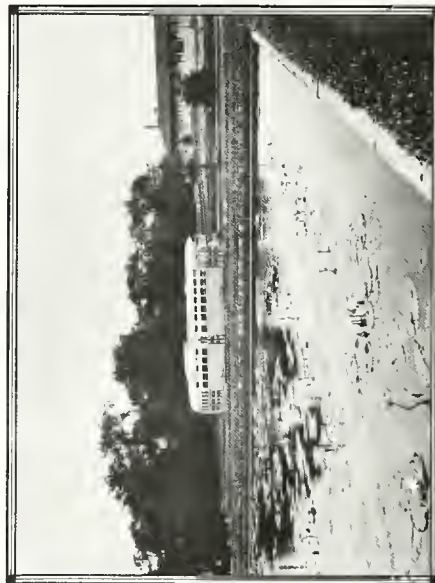
APRIL

Vaudeville still had top billing at the Diversey Theater in this mid-1920s photo looking north on Clark Street at Diversey. The Cheatham electric switch connector connected to the trolley wire in the foreground allowed northbound streetcars like the Pullman car below it to select either Clark or Broadway routing. Another Pullman on the Clark/Wentworth route waits southbound at Diversey while a Brill-built No. 42 car enters the intersection from Broadway. During this period, Halsted Downtown cars operated along Clark from Archer Avenue to a loop terminal at Broadway and Waveland that still serves buses on the Halsted route.



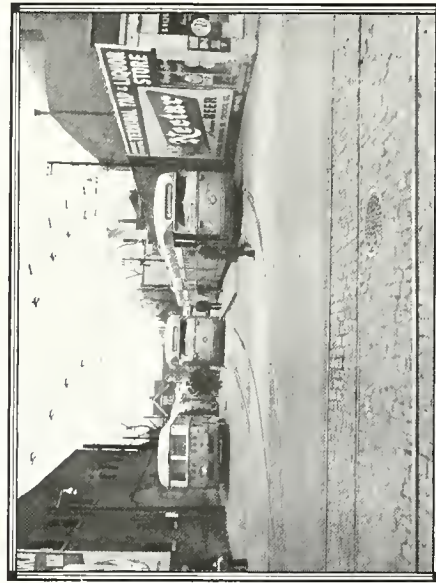
FEBRUARY

The first two articulated cars were purchased by the Rapid Transit Company just before CTA was established in 1947. Both of these Pullman-built cars and two others delivered the next year by the St. Louis Car Company had seats for 96 passengers, and had a raw aluminum finish, except for red and gray paint around the windows. Later numbered 51 and painted cream and green, Car 5001 is shown westbound on the Garfield Park line using the local track at Laramie in 1948. Protected trolley poles weren't needed until the cars were transferred to Evanston service. Poles were later replaced by pantographs for Skokie Swift operation.



MAY

Water lilies add serenity to this scene of a 'Green Hornet' streetcar heading east along Madison Street through Garfield Park in the late 1940s. North of the second Lily pond beyond Madison is the old boat house bordering the Garfield Park lagoon. Madison had the first PCC streetcars in Chicago when 'Blue Goose' cars went into service in 1936. Later, 4000-series Pullman cars like the one pictured ran on Madison and its Fifth Avenue branch until December, 1953. Streetcar service on Fifth actually continued two months longer, using one-man red cars as a shuttle between Pulaski and California, where there was no loop to turn back PCCs.



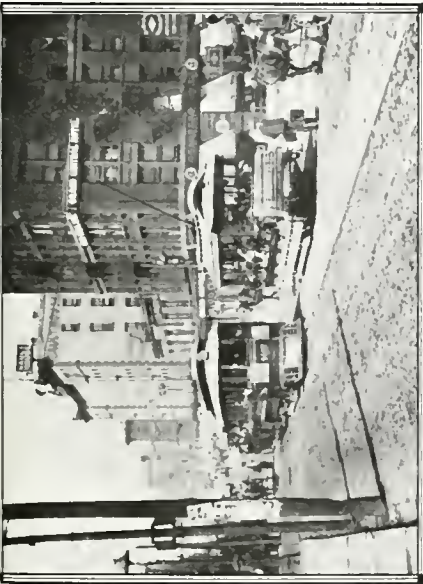
MARCH

Pullman-built 'Green Hornet' streetcars are shown waiting in the terminal at 79th and Halsted to begin the nearly 14-mile trip north to Broadway in the early 1950s. Streetcars from both the Halsted and Halsted Downtown routes entered the terminal from 79th and Emerald, and loaded facing west, while buses from the South Halsted and Vincennes/111 extension routes entered eastbound and exited via Emerald and 80th. Halsted streetcars were operating south to 79th Street as early as 1896. Tracks along Halsted in front of the terminal were used from 1912 until 1949 by through-routed cars heading southwest to 111th and Sacramento.



JUNE

Before 'A' and 'B' skip-stop service was inaugurated in 1948, Lake Street Express trains, like the one pictured eastbound leaving the Lake Street Transfer station at Paulina in the early 1940s, speeded riders on a middle track between Pulaski and Rockwell, and skipped some other stops. Until the Dearborn subway was opened in 1951, trains from Humboldt Park and Logan Square operated south along Paulina from Evergreen, joining Garfield and Douglas Park trains before entering the Loop at Wells and Van Buren. The Paulina structure has been modified to give O'Hare-Congress-Douglas cars access to Lake and the rest of the system.



JULY

Grand Central was an appropriate name for one of the hotels that stood where the imposing Chicago & NorthWestern station would rise a few years after this picture was taken on Madison at Canal Street in 1906. Trolley cars had just been introduced on Madison, and were the most modern technological developments to be seen in this view showing streets paved with cobblestones, stone slabs for sidewalks, and horse-drawn wagons. Heading east toward the Loop is a heavily loaded single-track Chicago Railways Madison Street car pulling a trailer. Passing westbound is a Chicago Union Traction open-sided trolley on a circuitous route to 21st and Marshall.



OCTOBER

Brill-built streetcar No. 5218 was already in its 30th year of service when this photo was taken of a track crew on Halsted at Gilpin Place (later Cabrini Street) in 1935. The Halsted car, heading south to 11th and Sacramento, is passing Hull House, a complex of buildings erected between 1890 and 1908 through the efforts of Jane Addams, a social worker, who began her settlement house work in 1889. These buildings were torn down in the early 1960s for construction of the University of Illinois at Chicago. The original Hull House, hidden from view in this photo, has been restored as a museum, and is now a stop on CTA's West Culture Bus route.



AUGUST

Westchester was still "out in the country" when this photo was taken in 1946 of shuttle car 2892 at the Mannheim/22nd terminal. This was the farthest point southwest ever served by Rapid Transit Company trains. The Westchester line, which was opened between Desplaines and Roosevelt in 1926, was extended south to 22nd in 1930 as a single-track operation. The shuttle was cut back to rush period service only in 1950, and the entire line was discontinued at the end of the following year. Wooden-bodied cars like 2892 were purchased by the Metropolitan West Side Elevated Railroad from Pullman in 1906, and remained in service until 1957.



NOVEMBER

Archer Express bus service had just been introduced when this photo was taken of White bus No. 3483 southbound on Cicer Avenue at 63rd Street in 1946. Cicero was still being repaved, covering over the single track that formerly carried shuttle streetcars from 63rd north to Archer Avenue. The building in the distance (right) was the original terminal for Municipal Airport, later known as Midway. Bus No. 3483 was preparing to turn east into 63rd toward a Keating-64th-Cicero terminal loop. New in 1946, it was among the last of 95 gasoline-powered, manual transmission, White buses that were delivered to the Chicago Surface Lines between 1944 and 1946.



SEPTEMBER

Logan Square was a major boarding point for northwest side rapid transit riders from the moment the terminal was opened by the Metropolitan West Side Elevated Railway in 1895. First in the line of buses loading westbound on Linden Place at Kedzie Boulevard in this 1954 photo is a No. 82 Kimball, a gas-powered Twin Coach that was part of the first bus order placed by CTA after its inception in 1947. Other routes serving the terminal at this time included the rush-period Milwaukee Avenue to Central; operated north along adjacent Milwaukee Avenue to Central; the Kedzie-Homan that ran on Kedzie north of Fullerton, and the former Chicago Motor Coach Diversey route.



DECEMBER

Competition from cars, trucks and taxis kept bus movements to a crawl on State Street in this view looking south from Lake during the Christmas season of 1960. Stopping at the safety island northbound at Lake is an Archer Express 8200-series Flexible propane bus nearing the end of its run. Passing each other at Randolph are shorter 8400-series Flexibles on the No. 149 route between the Merchandise Mart and Soldier Field Parking Lot. Among the buses heading south along the curb lane are 1100 and 1400-series GMCs from the Chicago Motor Coach fleet and a 3400-series White 44-seater, all in their later days of service, plus other Flexible and GMC models.

Additional CTA Calendars available at \$3 each

CTA's 1986 Historical Calendars are provided free of charge to CTA employees and retirees as the August issue of Transit News. In addition, calendars will be distributed to CTA offices, garages, terminals, and other work locations.

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First O'HARE Anniversary Contest

"We have had 1,500,000 customers in one year's time, so I think it's catching on. It's an economical and valuable service, and I think it will eventually break habits of grabbing a cab to the airport...It's an ongoing promotional thing, and I think that today certainly helped."



Mayor Harold Washington



Lisa Gose, winner of CTA's 1st O'Hare Anniversary Contest, is congratulated by CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli.

And the winner is...

Shortly after 10 a.m. Thursday, September 9, 1985 at CTA's O'Hare rapid transit terminal, Chicago Mayor Harold Washington struck an antique Chinese ceremonial gong to officially begin CTA's 1st O'Hare Anniversary Celebration and Awards Presentation. CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli and other dignitaries from CTA and the City of Chicago, contest co-sponsors, and representatives from the news media awaited the Mayor's announcement of the contest winner.

"Today's celebration of CTA's rapid transit service to O'Hare International Airport represents one year of successful operation since its start on September 3, 1984," said Washington. "Almost 1,500,000 people have enjoyed this convenient and economical way to travel, just 35 minutes from downtown Chicago under Dearborn street to O'Hare with trains running every few minutes 24 hours a day. This significant milestone also ushers in a focus upon the growing and developing expansion of the airport, which is already the largest in the world, and which in three years will be serving almost 80 million people.

"To celebrate this milestone, CTA, Northwest Orient Airlines, the Hong Kong Tourist Association, the Hong Kong Hilton, and Concorde Travel, Inc., have awarded a 10-day all-expenses-paid vacation to Hong Kong for two people to Ms. Lisa Gose, winner of CTA's 1st O'Hare Anniversary Contest."

As Chairman Cardilli held a sign bearing CTA's car card advertisement for the contest and the magic number — 1,488,361 riders— Ms. Gose, whose winning entry was only 36 rides less than the total, approached the podium.

"I just want to thank everybody who was involved with this, the Mayor, and Mr. Cardilli," said Ms. Gose. "I am so pleased, I'm numb! I don't know what to say!"

"We thank you for using our service," Cardilli said.

"I do," responded Ms. Gose. "I used it this morning."

Ms. Gose then received congratulations from Ted Albrecht, president of



Contest winner Lisa Gose shares a moment of joy with contest sponsors (left to right) Joan B. Phillips, director of sales, Asia/Australia, Hilton International; Michael A. Cardilli, CTA Chairman; Tom Rockney, district sales manager, Northwest Orient Airlines; Jenny Holaday, incentive and conference coordinator, Hong Kong Tourist Association, and Ted Albrecht, president, Concorde Travel, Inc.

Concorde Travel in Arlington Heights, which provided the travel arrangements; Thomas Rockney, district sales manager for Northwest Orient Airlines, which provided the air travel; Jenny Holaday, incentive and conference coordinator for the Hong Kong Tourist Association, which provided a ground tour package; and Joan B. Phillips, director of sales, Asia/Australia, for Hilton International. Hotel accommodations were provided by the Hong Kong Hilton. Chairman Cardilli also presented a certificate for a free CTA Monthly Pass to each of 10 runners-up in the contest.

After the excitement died down, Ms. Gose, a stenographer who lives in Rogers Park and works for the Chicago Police Department, said that she had never won anything in the many different contests she has entered over the years, and enjoys the culture of the Orient, although her only traveling has been a Caribbean cruise.

"I have a Chinese family as neighbors, and the grandmother, who doesn't speak English nor I Chinese, and I have become good friends because of our gardening. I'm interested in Mandarin cooking and the grandmother shares her veggies with me," said Ms. Gose.

"I was pleased to hear of Mayor Washington visiting the Orient recently, and I hope to be able to go to some of the places he visited in Hong Kong," she added.

As for whom she will take as a traveling companion on her Far East journey, Ms. Gose said she hadn't given it much thought, "...but I'm sure I'll have plenty of volunteers."

A look... behind the scenes

CTA's 1st O'Hare Anniversary Contest was promoted through car card advertising on CTA buses and trains, and through radio advertising, which began early in August. Contest rules were attached to the car cards, and were also available upon request at rapid transit ticket agent booths. Riders submitted postcards bearing their guesses for the number of riders boarding at O'Hare Terminal during the first year.

The contest was developed by Terry Hocin, CTA Promotional Services director, and staff members Helene Greiman and Joyce Shaw. Graphics for the contest advertising were designed by Alexandra Eiva, and station decorations for the celebration were designed by Alan Grady and Jack Sowchin, director, all of the Publications Section. Arrangements for the awards ceremony were coordinated with the Mayor's Office of Special Events by Robert Gaines, CTA Communications director. Valuable production assistance and technical advice were provided by the Sign Shop at South Shops, carpenters from West Shops, and Rail Vehicle Maintenance, Skokie Shop.

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"Outreach"



CTA's Community Affairs Department staff members rehearse for openings of nine CTA Rider Information Centers. Staff members (from left) are: Dennis Redmond and Tom Chiampas, community relations coordinators; Elda Leal, Community Affairs Department superintendent; Bertram Mims, community relations coordinator; Betty B. Edwards, Community Affairs Department manager, and Juan Puente (seated) bi-lingual community relations coordinator. Puente is providing information materials to prospective visitors to the nine centers.

Rider Information Centers "reach out" to community

Cta opened the first of nine system-wide CTA community information centers August 19 in the Brickyard Shopping Center, Diversey and Narragansett avenues, to provide transit information to its riders.

"This system-wide information effort is part of our Community Affairs Department's community outreach program," said CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli. "Each center will be staffed with a Community Affairs Department representative who will provide maps, literature, and have forms for riders to express their views about CTA bus and rapid transit service."

Each of the nine centers will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on designated days.

The Brickyard CTA information center will be located near the entrance to the Jewel Food store and will be open on the third Monday of each month.

Another CTA information center will be at the northeast corner of 63rd

and Halsted streets in the Englewood community starting Tuesday, September 3, and thereafter will be open on the first Tuesday of each month.

A CTA community information center will be opened in the Ford City Shopping Center, 76th street and Cicero avenue on Monday, September 9, and thereafter will be open on the first Monday of each month.

Other CTA information centers will be located in the following rapid transit stations on the days designated: 95th Street terminal on the Lake-Dan Ryan route - the fourth Friday of each month; Ravenswood terminal at Kimball and Lawrence avenues - the second Wednesday of each month; Englewood terminal at 63rd street and Ashland avenue - the second Thursday of each month; 35th Street station on the Howard-Englewood-Jackson Park route - the first Friday of each month; Jefferson Park station on the O'Hare-Congress-Douglas route - the third Wednesday of each month, and the Howard terminal of the Howard-Englewood-Jackson Park route - the second Friday of each month.

A Loop CTA rider information center is being planned.

From the Chairman

1,488,361 and counting

Congratulations to Lisa Gose, a CTA rider and winner of our 1st O'Hare Anniversary Contest, who will enjoy a 10-day all-expenses-paid trip to Hong Kong. And congratulations to all CTA employees who have worked to make O'Hare rapid transit a success. We also appreciate the cooperation of Northwest Orient Airlines, the Hong Kong Hilton, the Hong Kong Tourist Association, and Concorde Travel, Inc., all of whom generously provided the services that made the contest prize a truly enjoyable vacation package.

Our O'Hare rapid transit service has met severe and unwarranted criticism, because ridership to the airport has not immediately met projections based on social and economic conditions of 10 or 15 years ago. Yet the entire O'Hare line provides valuable commuting service for the residents of the northwest area who work downtown, and residents of the entire city who work at O'Hare. During heavy periods of airline arrivals and departures, there is heavy ridership at the O'Hare Transit Terminal. Also, boarding ridership at the O'Hare Transit Terminal has increased more than 30 per cent since we began actively promoting the O'Hare service through two contests, a direct mail promotion, and magazine and radio advertising. We will continue to promote the O'Hare service, monthly passes and tokens, and other valuable services that benefit our riders, and we are studying methods of making O'Hare service and connections more prominent in our public information signage.

However, no promotional activity can be successful without the active cooperation and support of all CTA operating employees, especially through their knowledge of their own routes and connecting services, and their willingness to communicate that knowledge to the public. By showing concern for the needs of the public, and by helping our riders travel easily throughout our system, you provide the best possible service for Chicagoans and visitors alike.

Michael A. Cardilli

SCRAPS!



Dean Herman Bryant of Kennedy-King College and Mrs. Dorothy Harmon, CTA salvage control clerk, examine one of six CTA scrapped bus engines recently donated to the college's automotive technology section and its career and skills program. Bryant heads that program and is a former CTA bus engine repairer.

CTA donates scrap bus engines to automotive repair classes

The CTA has sent a dozen scrap bus engines to college to help make students smarter.

The 12 General Motors Detroit diesel six cylinder engines, were donated to automotive repair classes at Triton College, River Forest, and Kennedy-King College, 6800 S. Wentworth av. Both schools had requested CTA to make a donation of scrap bus engines and each college received six.

Dean Herman Bryant of Kennedy-King's Career & Skills Programs is familiar with these bus engines -- he was a CTA bus engine repairer for three years at Limits garage and for eight years at Beverly garage while he was attending night classes to earn his academic degrees in automotive technology.

Bryant told Mrs. Dorothy Harmon, CTA salvage control clerk, Materials Management department, the six were not the first scrap CTA bus engines to be donated to Kennedy-King.

"In 1969 the CTA donated five General Motors diesel engines to Kennedy-King, and in 1970 I became an instructor in the Automotive Technology program and my class and I were assigned the task of rebuilding those five engines. This was a great challenge for me and my students.

"By the end of the 16th week of work we had all five engines running like new again. Several of those students in my first class now are CTA garage maintenance superintendents.

"Over the years those five engines were repeatedly torn down and taken apart, reassembled, and put back into running condition. Finally, they just wore out. All of our students here are adults working in automotive maintenance who want to expand their knowledge in a hands-on program. They include some current CTA engine maintenance personnel," Bryant told Mrs. Harmon, who was at Kennedy-King to make an informal presentation of the engines.

NORTHEASTERN HONORS

Bernard J. Ford was on hand for his last official act as CTA Executive Director as he congratulated Elonzo Hill, manager, Operations Training/Instruction (holding plaque), and Harry Reddrick, deputy executive director, Operations, on being honored by Northeastern University, Boston. Hill received his commemorative plaque for having served as class president for a two-part 1985 mass transit seminar which was held at the university in February and May. Reddrick was honored with a similar award as Northeastern University's transit manager of the year.



New Superintendents



Twenty-eight new bus and rail superintendents I and two rail controllers were graduated on July 17, making it the largest class of management and professionals in the history of CTA to receive diplomas. The graduates were assigned to various superintendent and controller pools. The new management and professional group included Walter Frye, Leaile Hinton, Tessa Gaines, Karen Wilson, Martha Turner, and Esther McKelker, assigned to agent service; Bruno Romej, John Wallace, Otto Houston, Howard Freeman, Donald Reck, Willie Smith, Sterling Martin, Willie Harrington, Arthur Allen, Joseph Gonzales, and Melvin Jackson, bus service; James Daugherty, Willie Wells, Efrain Villarreal, Robert Graham, Fountaine Winston, rail service; Sy Motin, Juan Gonzalez, and Victor Martin, bus personnel. Others were Joseph Jones, Bernard Perry, and Joseph Martin, rail personnel; Ernest Young and Phillip Auriemma, rail controllers.

VA announces Reserve, Guard education benefits

CTA part-time soldiers, sailors, and airmen may be eligible for GI Bill education benefits, according to a recent announcement by the Veterans Administration.

Grady Horton, director of the Chicago VA Regional Office, said the Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program now provides up to 36 months of assistance for full or part-time undergraduate college or non-degree college programs for military reservists and National Guard members. However, application must be made before June 30, 1988.

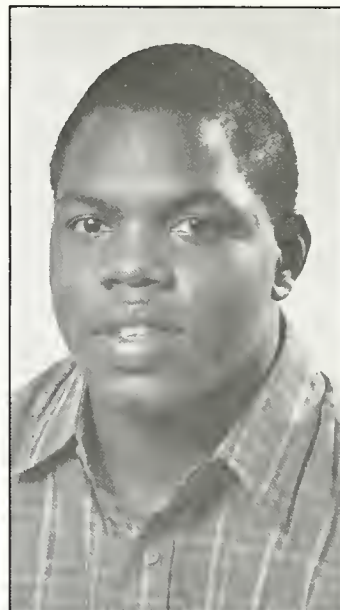
The new GI Bill was created by the Veterans' Educational Assistance Act of 1984 which became effective in July 1985. Members of the Reserve and National Guard who have received their initial active duty for training and completed 180 days of Reserve service are eligible to participate in this program.

Horton said the educational benefits must be used before the members leave the Reserve or National Guard and within 10 years from the date the individual first becomes eligible.

CTA employees who are active in the Reserve or National Guard should contact their unit commanders for further information, or call the Chicago Regional Office at 663-5510.

Commendation Corner

Lee Robinson (Archer garage) is appreciated by Gregory Benson, of Oak Lawn, who was a daily passenger on his No. 162 Pulaski-Stevenson Express bus. "He takes great pride in his profession, and has provided not only the expected on-time schedule, but also the additional courtesies of a smile, a welcome and a goodbye. It is these small things, in combination with a clean vehicle, which caused me to switch to CTA from a commuter railroad. Mr. Robinson also indicates major stops by name, which was commonplace when I was a child, but is sorely missing now. I support his quest to provide excellent service to his family of passengers."



Melvin Dukes, (North Avenue garage) was complimented by Eleanor Cash, of Argyle Street, for his courtesy on a No. 53 Pulaski bus. "This driver not only called out each upcoming stop, but told everyone, 'Bus is in motion, kindly hold on to hand rails when standing.' For disembarking passengers he said, 'Please watch your step when alighting, and have a good evening.' Twice between Diversey and Lawrence, where I alighted, he also said, 'It's Saturday night, so please watch your purses and pockets.' I use your lines to go to work, and also for shopping and other errands. I felt you should know about this exceptionally courteous and considerate driver."

Martin Mogk (Forest Glen garage) was praised by Marcia Sadlier, who works on South Dearborn Street, for helping to thwart a theft on his No. 152 Addison bus. "A pickpocket attempted to steal an elderly passenger's wallet as both were exiting the back door of the bus. When I brought this to the driver's attention, he immediately reported the act over the radio and closed the exit door. When the thief pulled the emergency cord and exited, the driver quickly pursued him and was able to retrieve the wallet. It was reassuring to myself and the rest of the riders that a driver was willing to deal with the situation responsibly and courageously."

Harold Thompson (69th Street garage) earned the respect of Mary Sparkman, of South Laflin Street, for his "courtesy, promptness and dependability" as operator of a No. 45 Ashland/Archer bus. "There is always a 'Good morning' with a smile, and he's never late unless there are circumstances beyond his control. Also, he doesn't thrive on petty mishaps to keep him from making his complete run. One morning, there was a loud noise. The name and number display had fallen down. The driver didn't panic, but we all expected to have to take another bus. He merely pulled the bus to the curb, put the sign back in position, and took us on our way."

Robert Randle (South Section) was the conductor of a Loop-bound Lake/Dan Ryan train ridden by Suzanne Woll, of Oak Park. "At one of the stops east of Laramie, a young man grabbed my gold necklace as he exited the train. Since the necklace had a diamond pendant attached to it, I chased the would-be thief from the train. Due to the quick observation and action of the conductor, both the necklace and diamond were recovered, with no one injured. Unfortunately, the thief escaped. I sincerely appreciate the actions and concern of the conductor, and believe that without his intervention, the incident would not have had a happy ending."

Rogers Dean (Kedzie garage) was congratulated by Paul Brown, of Oak Park, who is a regular rider on Dean's No. 12 Roosevelt bus. "This bus is often crowded, and this driver always keeps people moving to the rear of the bus, often injecting a little humor to accomplish this task. Along the route, if people are standing in the door, he politely asks them to move when others are getting off, and then tells them when they can come back on. His driving skill is also noteworthy. Overall, his enthusiasm and skill allow him to perform his job in a superior way that is a true asset to the CTA."

Melinda Manoni (West Section) won the approval of Georgie Conoly, of San Francisco, for her helpfulness as ticket agent at the O'Hare station. "She proved to be most courteous and helpful in giving me information about your trains, buses and transfers. Your transfers are a wonderful way of saving money. I am so glad Agent No. 1505 was kind enough to thoroughly explain their usage. In addition, she supplied information concerning various museums and shopping areas, all of which I enjoyed very much. You are fortunate to have such a pleasant, well-informed employee. She helped make my stay in Chicago a pleasant and memorable one."

Michael Maines (Forest Glen garage) was thanked by Bessie Sumien, of Balmoral Avenue, for his assistance as operator of a No. 90 Harlem bus. "I got off his bus at Foster and crossed the street to wait for a No. 69 bus going west. He saw me lose my footing on the curb across the street, and came running to help me get up. He then had to call the paramedics, who came immediately and assisted me till I was able to get home on my own. I did have to see a doctor, and he assured me that everything would be fine in a few days. Without the help of Michael Maines, I don't know what I would have done. Please let him know how much I appreciate all his help."



Motorman Leroy Crenshaw of Howard terminal (left) joins fellow "Day in CTA" honorees, bus operators John Paczkowski of Archer garage, and Donald Burson of Kedzie in the Control Center where they viewed procedures used by controllers to assist bus operators and train crews. Explaining operations is power controller John Hightower. Not present for the occasion was rail conductor Jorge Pinares of Howard terminal.

Two bus operators and a motorman were recent honorees on "A Day in CTA" in recognition of their extraordinary performance of duty.

An alert bus operator, Donald Burson of Kedzie garage, prevented what could have been a tragic incident aboard his Jackson street bus route when a rider with a gun, upset because of a service delay, approached Burson and a supervisor.

Burson distracted the man long enough to seize and wrestle him to the floor, and disarm and hold him until police arrived. The operator's prompt response to the situation may have prevented injury to other passengers.

Meanwhile, Operator John Paczkowski of Archer garage was commended on "A Day in CTA" for giving aid to the victims of an automobile collision at Archer and Long avenues.

Upon impact one of the vehicles was engulfed in smoke, and Paczkowski feared that flames would ensue. He notified the Control Center and secured his bus; then rushed to the scene where he removed a small child and a woman from the wreckage.

In a similar incident, motorman Leroy Crenshaw, and conductor Jorge Pinares were commended for the swift action they took when their North/South train on run 809 had to be evacuated due to a spontaneous flash fire which threatened the safety of the passengers.

Riders aboard the ill fated train noted that the crew performed admirably, with precision and teamwork under trying conditions, and brought about an orderly and safe evacuation.

Honorees



Bus operators (from left) Elizabeth Duren, Rosa Irizarry, Ernest Hennecke, and seniority clerk Walter Lemons, "Day in CTA" honorees, are briefed on procedures in the control center at the Merchandise Mart by bus controller Sterling Martin (right). Ms. Duren is assigned to North Avenue garage while Ms. Irizarry and Hennecke are located at Forest Glen and Beverly garages respectively. Lemons, a former bus operator, is assigned to the general office in the Mart. The four were given special recognition for distinguished service in connection with their jobs and service to the community.

Samuel Adams Jr., North Park
Edward Alexander Jr., 77th Street
Arthur Alpert, Howard Kimball
Rogelio Arrazola, North Park

Ernest Barnes, Beverly
Searcy Barnett, North Park
Sarah Beaty, West Section
Lynette Bolton, North Park
Alvin Bond, North Avenue
Charles Bright, Howard Kimball
Steve Brooks, 77th Street
Cornell Brown, 77th Street
Otis Brown, North Avenue
Joe Bullock, Limits
Earl Burress, 69th Street
Janet Burton, North Park

Jean Cage, North Park
Noel Castro, North Park
John Christner Jr., Forest Glen

Barbara Dandridge, 77th Street
Donald Davis, Jefferson Park
Rogers Dean, Kedzie
Herman Duffin, Forest Glen
Kenneth Fabian, Forest Glen
James Forte, Douglas Congress
Steven Furlet, Limits

Gonzalo Garcia, North Park
Tommie Gamer, North Park
Lynne Garner, Limits
Phillip Gary Jr., 69th Street
David Gaston, North Park
Jeffrey Gilbert, Howard Kimball

Luvenia Hare, North Section
Eleanor Hasbrouck, West Section
Brian Haynes, 77th Street
Roderick Hudson, North Avenue
Margaret Hunt, Forest Glen

Donald James, 77th Street
Willie James, North Park
Charles Johnson, 69th Street
Cedric Johnson, Kedzie
George Johnson, Limits
George Jones, 77th Street
George Jones, North Avenue

Antoine Khoury, North Park
Roland King, Jefferson Park

Fred Labern, North Avenue
Anthony Lag, Limits
Paul Lane, Jefferson Park
Dorothy Levenson, North Section
Hipolito Liquigan, Forest Glen
William Lowery, 77th Street

Melinda Manoni, West Section
William Markowski, Forest Glen
Jesse McAduy, Forest Park
Larry McDaniel, North Avenue
John McDonnell, Limits
Joe McWane Jr., Kedzie
Hector Medina, Archer
Maurice Miller, Limits
Marceau Mitchell, 77th Street
Robert Moskovitz, North Park
Faye Murry, Limits

George Neal, North Park
Anthony Nicholson, North Section
Hazel Owens, Limits

Reginald Pace, North Park
John Paczkowski, Archer
Christos Papachristou, Forest Glen
Van Penn Jr., North Avenue
Frederick Pepke, Limits
Flenard Porter, 69th Street
Donald Pruitt, North Avenue
James Przybylski, North Park

Billy Ragsdale, 77th Street
William Ramos, North Park
Rochester Redmon, West Section
Thomas Rhone, 77th Street
Annie Rice, Limits
Valerie Robinson, North Avenue
Arturo Rodriguez, Forest Glen
David Rossie, Archer
Freddie Rychlock, 69th Street

Burt Schwartz, Archer
Lillian Shelton, Forest Glen
Harold Shorts, Howard Kimball
Edgar Singleton Jr., 69th Street
Eugene Sparks Jr., Howard Kimball
David Sperling, Howard Kimball
Vytautas Stukelis, Archer

Wendell Talbert, North Park
William Thompson, Archer
Jerome Towns, North Park
Willie Tumer, 69th Street

Clarence Van Middlesworth, North Park
Jesus Vazquez, North Avenue
Jimmie Walker, North Avenue
Ricky Wetherspoon, North Park
Willie Williams, 69th Street
Rosemar Williams, North Avenue
Patricia Williams, Howard Kimball
Jacquelyn Williamson, Kedzie
Linda Yates, Howard Kimball

Bryant Alexander, Ticket Agent TieUp champion since 1984, takes care of business to the satisfaction of judges in the competition as demonstrated here. Observing the action are agent instructors Betty Morris, (left) and Karen Eden.



Bus Road
other 1985
place for a
third place
Matas (right)

W COMPETITION WINNERS



Rodeo winner William Edgerton stands along side the banner bearing his image and displayed on the historical bus. Edgerton is accompanied by David James, Archer garage, third place winner, and Rodeo chairman William Thompson (right).



Mary Curry, the first female motorman to qualify as a member of the Roundhouse 18, was also Harlem terminal champion. Ms. Curry displays the terminal championship trophy presented to her by (from left) Alex Johnson, manager, Operations Personnel; Harry Reddick, deputy executive director, Operations; Elonzo Hill, manager, Training/Instruction, and Ulysee Coley, superintendent III, Harlem.



1984 champion William Edgerton, Limits garage (3rd, left) and competitors show off their trophies. Maintaining second place for year is Joe Rodenski of Forest Glen (left). Moving up to third is David James, North Avenue, while 1984 champion Michael Edgerton finished fourth.



Accepting well deserved honors are award recipients of the Third Rail Roundup. First place honorees cradling trophies are (from left) conductor Dennis Broderick, 54th street terminal, and motorman Leon Hedgewood, Howard terminal. Placing second were motorman Donald Seay, Howard terminal, and conductor James Doorey, O'Hare terminal.



Third street motorman Leon Hedgewood, Third Rail Roundup winner, enjoys a conversation about his success with Harry Reddrick, deputy executive director, Operations. Others enjoying the moment are (from left) Elonzo Hill, manager, Training/Instruction; Alex Wilson, superintendent, Howard terminal, and Alex Johnson, manager, Operations Personnel.



James McClain, superintendent, 63rd and Ashland terminal, accepts the 1985 Ticket Agent TieUp Chairman's Cup from 1985 champion Bryant Alexander, who is also the defending 1984 champion. Sharing the moment is Ms. Anita Curtis, deputy executive director, Human Resources, and Harry Reddrick, deputy executive director, Operations.



Special Services

Disabled community honors CTA Special Service staff

Some 250 people were on hand at Washington garage August 23 to put on a farewell party in honor of the CTA Special Service staff.

Mrs. Marian Butler, a special service user, and a former peer counselor for the Muscular Dystrophy Society, said users of the service simply wanted to show Superintendent Isaac Beal and his staff their appreciation.



Elcosie Gresham, president, Amalgamated Transit Union 241, shares a few thoughts with Ms. Chris Matthew. At Gresham's left is Ms. Dorothy Tolbert, spokesperson for the Disabled Community.

"They have done so much for us. We feel like we are losing our family with the Special Service facility about to close," said Mrs. Butler who has been a rider on the service since its inception four years ago.

"This service has given us the opportunity to be independent and to get around as necessary. We have not been hurried by CTA Special Service operators, and this has been a blessing," Mrs. Butler added.



Isaac Beal, superintendent, Special Services, enjoys the company of these Special Services users (from left) Don Neilson, Ms. Mattie Porche, and Ms. Dorothy Youll.

The farewell party was an idea conceived by Kerry Moore, another special service user, as he and others enjoyed a Special Service Culture bus tour in July.

Moore, a food service handler for the Rehabilitation Institute, said approximately \$600 was donated by users of the service to cover the cost of the catered party.

"A thank you is not nearly enough, but we hope you understand this thank you comes from the bottom of our hearts. Our lives have been enriched during the time that we have known all of you. Many people don't have the opportunity to run across such dedicated and caring individuals.

"Since we have been dealing with CTA Special Services, all of you have unexpectedly become a big part of our family. We of the disabled community sincerely hope that this union will have a chance to flourish into something bigger.

"We thank you for being you."

(Editor's note: A recent arbitration decision allows CTA to implement its plan to contract out special services to four private carriers. CTA will be able to provide twice as many trips for its four million dollar budget.)



Ms. Marian Butler, and Kerry Moore, organizers of the festive occasion at Washington garage, were pleased with the support received from other Special Services users.

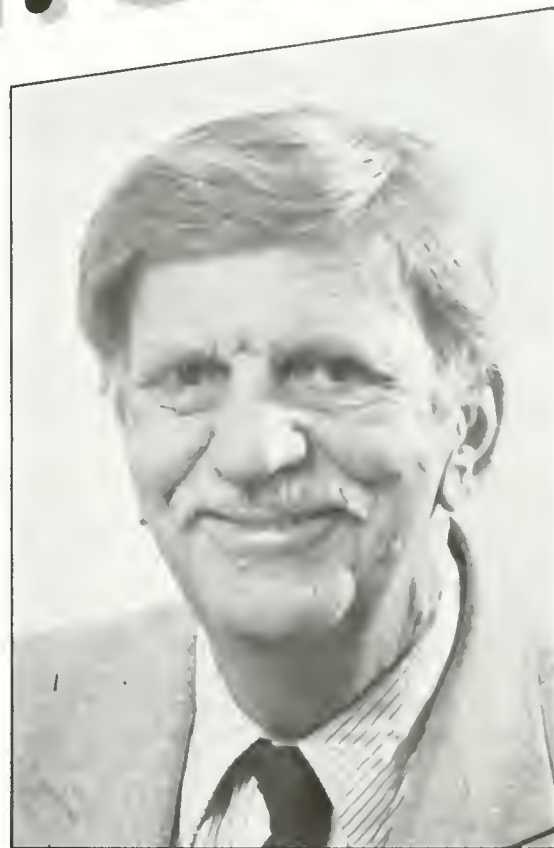
Mrs. Dorothy Tolbert, a spokesperson for Handicapped Independent People, expressed her organization's sentiments to Superintendent Beal as she said, "We of the disabled community would like to commend all of you for your services.

"We are aware of your tireless efforts in taking care of all our needs, and we want you to know that your consideration has not gone unrecognized.

"Mr. Clean"



Robert "Mr. Clean" Ryan stands at the ready with mop in hand to declare war on dirt with "more cleaning power." The CTA special project coordinator was the original model for Proctor and Gamble's "Mr. Clean" liquid detergent.



Bob Ryan recalls "Mr. Clean" role

Remember "Mr. Clean," the Proctor and Gamble detergent for the home with "more cleaning power" which had its beginning more than 25 years ago?

Would it surprise you to learn that the product model for the muscular sailor on the "Mr. Clean" container is CTA special project coordinator Robert Ryan?

Ryan explains it this way: "After P&G developed this liquid detergent and decided to call it 'Mr. Clean,' they hired an ad agency to promote the product. The agency was tasked with finding a model who would portray the image best suited to the new P&G product.

"The agency called on my friend, commercial photographer Ralph Cowan, who in turn asked me to be the model. I wore a fitted tee shirt and white pants, and a rubber skull cap to provide that bald 'Mr. Clean' image. The earring in the left ear was for added effect."

P&G saw the black and white photographs which Cowan took, and used them as models for the cartoon character which has appeared on the product label for the last 25 years.

Other commercials in which Ryan has appeared include the popular Kellogg's Breakfast cereals and Kingsmen's Toiletries.

Retiree John F. Humiston is railfan par excellence



CTA retiree John F. Humiston of Olympia Fields has combined his fascination for railroad travel and his enthusiasm for photography into a fun-filled pastime.

The former Skokie Shops vehicle maintenance unit supervisor retired in 1978, and has since devoted himself to seeing as much of North America by train as possible and putting it on film to share with other rail enthusiasts. "Geography and trains go together," Humiston says. "They tell me a lot more about geography than National Geographic," he adds.

A railfan par excellence, Humiston is a member of the 20th Century Railroad Club which recently awarded

him a free weekend trip of his choice, by train of course, for having logged the most train miles in 1984.

Last year, the 71-year old Humiston traveled 23,140 miles. His travels included 14,143 miles over AMTRAK roads, 6,560 miles over the Canadian Railroad, and 2,347 miscellaneous rail miles.

He has yet to collect his 20th Century Railroad Club free ticket, and doesn't know when he will. There isn't much time left after his many excursions for club outings. Besides, he still needs time to get into his darkroom to develop film and make a few prints. Over the years he has collected a ton of photographs.

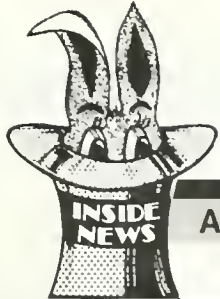
Although Humiston's travels for 1985 have been somewhat curtailed, he has still managed to log 8,543 miles this year including 130 miles on the San Diego trolley, one of his favorite trips. In all, since his retirement, John Humiston has traveled more than 60,000 miles by rail taking in the sights of the United States and Canada, and he's enthusiastic about seeing more via his favorite mode of travel.

Besides the 20th Century Railroad Club, Humiston belongs to the Central Electric Railfans Association, Railroad Club of Chicago, National Railway Historical Society, Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, and the Canadian Railway Historical Association.

Salvatore Perce retires

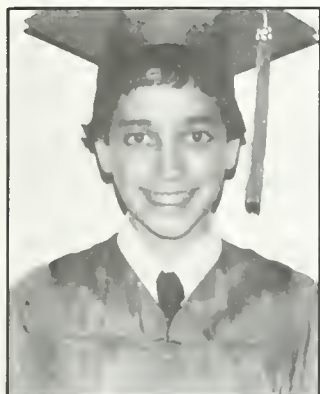
Salvatore Perce, 65, assistant AM superintendent at Kedzie garage, slices the cake for guests which included members of his family, Kedzie garage, and other Operations Division personnel. All were gathered in Perce's honor on his retirement after 31 years of CTA service. He began his CTA career as a bus operator on August 30, 1954. Perce and his family will move from their Bellwood home to spend retirement in Wisconsin.





THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY



Jacob Dallal

North Park

Hmmm, maybe our clerk, **Menashe Dallal**, is smiling with that extra bit of fatherly pride because his son, **Jacob**, not only was the youngest student to graduate with the highest grades from his grammar school, but also managed to finish in second place in a recent Bible contest which in turn enabled him to travel to New York to take part in a National Bible contest held in that city.

Congratulations, all ... A welcome-back-to-work goes to operator **Madeline Martin** (Sheridan Road) after her three-month leave of absence ... Talk about confidence in one's abilities! Clerk **Syed Jafer** wants everyone to know how great a clerk he is and that being chairman of either CTA and/or RTA is his goal ... Operator **Jeff Moore** drove to Jackson, Miss., recently to attend a family reunion. With 237 relatives attending, we can only wonder who volunteered to wash the dishes ... It takes time, so we're being patient awaiting that first look at the 1937 Oldsmobile Coupe that **Marcello Alonzo** is working on. We've seen his touch applied to the '56 Chevy and a v-e-r-y sharp '56 Ford Fairlane that he's spent plenty of long hours tinkering with. It's been his hobby for the past 10 years ... Next time **Robert Williams** (Sheridan Road) is standing in line waiting for the paymaster to give him his check, take a closer look at those custom-made trousers he wears ... Seems like everyone attending our recent retirement party for Pensioner (janitor) "California" had a good time and *plenty* of liquid refreshments at River Park, but why, oh why does the park district close those restrooms so-o-o early?..

Victor San Martin's daughter, **Maria**, age 17, has been nominated for Honorary Award recognition. She will have her biography published in the 1985 volume of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. Miss San Martin also will be eligible to apply for a scholarship in the amount of \$1000. Congratulations, Maria ... Well, well, here are the newest full-time operators you and I will be working with these next 20 or 30 years! Welcome to **Diane McPeck**, **Julio Perez**,



Maria San Martin

Daniel Ryan, **Robert Pitts**, **Joseph Butera**, **Halipson Rivera**, **Jose Paez**, and **Amador Crespo** ... Instructor **W. J. Purnell**, S/Sgt., Army Reserve, is getting ready for his weekend warrior training at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin ... Congratulations to those North Park operators who participated in this year's CTA Rodeo: **Robert Richardson**, Garage Champion; **Melvin Little Jr.**; **Jose Moreno**; **Robert Thomas**; **Leonard Lloyd**; **Oscar M. Repellin**; **Jesse Chin**; **Nilda Colorado**; **Francisco Rios**; **Robert Devitt**; **Louis Ward**, and **Daniel A. Dzyacky**. ONE of us will get that Rodeo Champion Title yet ... **Mr. Baxter**, Superintendent: the name says it all. If you've gone in to see the boss with any problem, more than likely when you came out of his office, you probably breathed a sigh of relief. That would be typical for the majority of us here at North Park. But now Mr. Baxter is working at North Avenue garage, and in a sense, North Avenue's gain is North Park's loss. This gentleman is surely going to be missed by a lot of us, but not for too long, we hope. We'd like OUR boss back.

Mike Flores

Materials Management

Irene Peterson, utility clerk, lost her brother, **Thomas Gushes**, who died suddenly. She wishes to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your kind expressions of sympathy ... **Russ Lipari**, file clerk, gave his daughter, **Jodeen**, in Holy Matrimony to **Terrance Melbourne**. The couple was wed at St. Damien's Church in Oak Forest, with a reception held at Sharkos' West ... **Matthew Rago**, material expeditor, Skokie Shops, is back to work after breaking his heel. Good to have you back at your post, Matthew ... **James Qualls**, order control clerk, and his wife, **Ernestene**, celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on August 29. James and Ernestene have two children, **Raquel** and **James**. Congratulations, and many, many more years of happiness together ... **Nancy Sholdice** and her husband, **Bill**, attended their first (but the second) "Sholdice Reunion," held in Ottawa, Canada. There were 380 Sholdices at the affair. A dinner was held at the University of Carleton. Twenty people were from the Northwest Territory and San Diego, with the remainder from Canada. Nancy and Bill are looking forward to their next reunion in five years and in the meantime will continue to delve into their genealogy ... **Jim Madden**, supervisor, Disbursements and Records, Insurance, lost his mother, **Mary Madden**, who died after a brief illness ... While having dinner at a Maywood restaurant, this reporter met **Jack Wexelberg**, retired director of Internal Auditing, and **Hank Luebeck**, director, Program Implementation, Capital Development, and their wives. Jack has been retired eight years now and needless to say, looks great. Jack send his regards to all ... Visiting the Chicagoland



area recently was **Dorothy Wilhelm**, former Stenographic employee and the sister of retiree **Wil Lembachner**, Claim Department. Dorothy and her husband, **Harry**, are enjoying retirement in Arizona ... Retiree **Ray Hynes** died in Largo, Florida. Ray headed up the Office Services Department some years ago. Our condolences to his family and to the family of retired Supervisor of Accident Statistics **Mary E. Clarke**, whose brother, **James M. Clarke**, died after an extended illness ... It's goodbye to our summertime employees. Thanks for a job well done ... Congratulations to **Rick Willis** and his wife, **Dorothy**, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Rick is editor of Transit News.

Arlene Zittman

Forest Glen

June, July and August have been busy months for our co-workers at Forest Glen garage. To our sick and shut-ins: **Delores Carter**, **Phyllis McCoy**, **Will Borhm**, **Adolph Marth**, **Mrs. Williams**, the wife of our Forest Glen Union Steward, to **Phil Perricone**, and everyone who needs them, we send our prayers and wishes for speedy recoveries ... Welcome back, **Marty Del Conte**! Glad to see you are feeling better ... The **Hugh Master-son** family had a grand time in Scotland ... **Joe Slaughter** and his dance teacher won first place in a dance contest ... **Lincoln Eaton** went on pension. Remember, keep active, Eaton!.. **Kevin Farrell**, who retired in March, sends his best wishes to all ... Hats off to the Forest Glen participants in the "Striving for Excellence" awards dinner ... Happy parenthood to: **Belinda Hayes**, a boy, July 26, 1985, 5 pounds 16 ounces, named **Britian David Hayes**; **Rosie Starks**, a girl, July 12, 1985, 8 pounds 10 ounces, named **Tabitha Michelle Starks**; **Terry Sims**, a boy, June 10, 1985, 9 pounds 14 ounces, named **Micah W. Sims**; **Mr. and Mrs. Antonyo Ramos**, a girl, August 22, 1985, 8 pounds 14 ounces, named **Yomarie Ramos**, born at Columbus Hospital ... The most celebrated driver for June and July is **Art Whitfield**. His birthday was June 8, his wife's birthday was July 19, his fifth wedding anniversary was June 28, and his step-daughter, **Gabriel Siedler**, had a baby girl, **Jaclyn**, born July 12, 1985, 10 pounds 9 ounces ... Attention Everyone! Be careful of the bank automatic teller machines. **Neville Keller** got his hand stuck trying to complete his withdrawal transaction. On top of all this, the machine kept delivering \$100 bills and no way could he get his hand unstuck. Better luck next time; smile!.. A thought for October: "When you get where you are going, where will you be?"—slow down.

Wallacene Good

Internal Audit

Transit New Editor **Rick Willis** and his wife, **Dorothy** enjoyed a seven-day Caribbean cruise aboard the Italian liner MS Carla "C" in commemoration of their silver wedding anniversary. The sunny vacation included a day-long visit to Caracas, Venezuela, and was highlighted when Mr. and Mrs. Willis repeated their vows in a ceremony conducted by the ship's chaplain...Our condolences are extended to **Jerry McManamon**, North Avenue switchboard operator, in the loss of his uncle,

Edward Joseph Rowland, who retired in 1965 after 45 years of service. Mr. Rowland started with the CSL in 1920. He is survived by his widow Nora.

Joyce Petrich

Ravenswood scene is painted in water color



New York artist David E. Dallison, 21, currently studying art in Toronto, Canada, shows his water color of the Ravenswood "L" route's Chicago avenue station.

David E. Dallison, 21, of New York City, visited the Chicago area this summer and took one look at the Ravenswood "L" route's Chicago avenue station and just had to paint it — in a water color.

"I chose the perspective looking north because of the sense of inherent power in the scene. Not just the awesome power of the electric current in the third rail, but the station's dormant power to attract masses of people quickly and to propel them quickly on trains to distant points," Dallison explained.

The young artist currently is living in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, and is attending the Ontario College of Art in nearby Toronto.

Why did he choose to depict the station without trains or people?

"As an artist I especially like the linear perspective of the platform, its lighting fixtures, railings, and tracks. It all blends into a dormant power — like an electrified genie — waiting to be used."

More June Graduates



DONNA LYNN DANSBY
Chicago Vocational H.S.
Charles L. Dansby
98th Street Shop
Retiree



HARVELL HORTON Jr.
Fenger H.S.
William Hill
77th Street

Service anniversaries

AUGUST

35 Years

Raymond Bieniasz, Equip. Engr. & Maint.
Michael Connolly, Fac. Engr. & Maint.
Chester Majerowicz, Mech. Maint.
Raymond Michalski, Mech. Maint.

30 Years

Bart Davis, Forest Glen
Christopher Gilbert Jr., Forest Glen
David Hinman, Bus Pers.-South
Raymond Jones, Ashland Terminal
Jesse Jumper, Claims
Raymond Lugial, Bus Service
Curley Russell, 77th Street
Semial Siggers, Racine
John Smith, Claims
Thomas Staunton, Track & Roadway

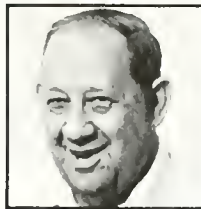
25 Years

Michael Akai, Central Counting
David Allen, Rail System
Willie Brewster, Kedzie
Hubert Burketh, Distinct D
McRayfield Caldwell, Oper's Control
Tarleton Curry Jr., South Shops
Joseph Daquillante, Oper's Control
William Echols, 77th Street
Walter Gaedtker, Power & Way
Raymond Jackson, North Avenue
David Johnson, 77th Street
Thomas Kman Jr., South Shops
Henry Krob, South Shops
William Miller, Bus Pers.-North
John O'Brien, North Park
John O'Connor, Gen'l Maint.
John Pendleton, Beverly
George Salamunec, District B
Eugene Sherrod Jr., Civil Engr.
Jimmie Smith, Forest Glen
Robert Tate, 77th Street
Horst Tietz, Forest Glen
George Tubbs Jr., 69th Street
Bruno Vandervelde, Beverly

SEPTEMBER

40 Years

John Newman,
South Shops



35 Years

Henry Dickerson, Terminal-North
Charles Ferrante, Utility
Steve Kudelka Jr., Esc. Mtce.
Gary Olsen, South Shops
Leon Poe, South Shops
Royal Reed, 77th Street

30 Years

John Anderson, 69th Street
Fred Bassett, Kedzie
Dennis Dobbryn, Sig. Phone & Radio
Bert Hukill, North Avenue
Albert Porter, Claims
Rosemary Roberson, Bus Pers.-South
Eddie Smith, Kedzie
Theaury Snyder, West Section
Theodore Williams, Rail System

25 Years

McBride Anderson, 69th Street
James Davis, North Avenue
Martin Delconte, Forest Glen
Leon Gaddy, 69th Street
John Gassaway, South Shops
John Gordon, Howard/Kimball
Robert Janz, Transp.-Services
Robert Long, 69th Street
Dominick Marley, Linden
Lewis Martin, Steel Fabr. Shop
Emile Ousley, Elec. Testing
Nathaniel Payne, Training Center
Burgess Peterson, Forest Glen
Felix Robinson, 77th Street
William Sears, Support Services
Carence Shannon Jr., 77th Street
Draco Slaughter, 77th Street
Wyvern Thompson, Beverly
Alton Williams, Rail Pers.-South
Dennis Winnick, Mech. Maint.

PENSIONERS

August

EARL BARLEY Sr., Training Clerk,
Limits Trng Cntr., Emp. 1-20-58
LOUIS F. BERRY, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 4-19-56
JOSEPH D. CARLYON, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 1-27-59
JOHNNIE L. HENDERSON, Term. Foreman,
Kimball Shop, Emp. 1-7-46
WILLIAM B. HILLER, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 9-23-63
PETER L. JANKE, Chief Elect. Tester,
West Shops, Emp. 9-18-39
NICKOLAS T. LAMBRACKOS, Bus Servicer,
Archer, Emp. 5-14-59
JAMES E. MARBLE Jr., Sr. Sched. Clerk,
Operations Planning, Emp. 9-20-56
SALVADOR P. PERCE, Ass't Supt. Bus,
Kedzie, Emp. 8-30-54

Disability Retirement

MILTON HILL, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-10-70

September

ARNOLD BELER, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-14-67
OTWA CLEMONS, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 2-16-56
LINCOLN L. EATON, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-5-59
STEVE ECONOM, Bus Servicer,
Archer, Emp. 5-14-59
LOUIS E. FORD, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 1-7-48
JOSEPH P. IRWIN, Carpenter,
South Shops, Emp. 8-10-49
JOSEPH R. JAROS, Elect. Worker,
South Shops, Emp. 11-23-59
CHARLES H. LUEPKE, Tel. Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 10-9-45
DONALD MCCARTHY, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 12-7-48
GEORGE J. SALAMUNEC, Supervisor,
District B, Emp. 8-4-60
WILL TAYLOR, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 3-19-53

Disability Retirements

THOMAS M. BUTLER, Plumber,
West Shops, Emp. 10-23-74
MICHAEL T. CAFFEY, Blacksmith Wldr.,
Skoie Shop, Emp. 2-4-70
MARY S. WILLIAMS, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 6-30-75

IN MEMORIAM

AUGUST

CHESTER J. BIEGANOWSKI, 65, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-20-45, Died 7-8-85
ALOIS H. BRANDSTETTER, 74, Maintenance,
Emp. 5-19-47, Died 7-2-85
WILLARD R. CLAY, 82, Limits,
Emp. 10-31-27, Died 6-21-85
PASQUALE COLOSIMO, 86, South Shops,
Emp. 2-22-44, Died 6-22-85
GLENN L. COOLEY, 81, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 3-29-27, Died 7-28-85
STEFANO D'ANNA, 81, Stores,
Emp. 5-9-36, Died 7-24-85
ANTHONY J. DeVAUX, 77, South Shops,
Emp. 5-8-47, Died 7-19-85
ROY H. ENGWALL, 81, Beverly,
Emp. 4-22-29, Died 7-29-85
JOHN ESPOSITO, 81, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 1-8-24, Died 7-22-85
EDWARD P. HEIDENREICH, 73, North Ave.,
Emp. 3-12-34, Died 7-2-85
WILLIAM P. HOOPER, 62, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-15-51, Died 7-31-85
BERNARD KLATT, 68, South Shops,
Emp. 11-10-47, Died 7-30-85
JOHN KULLOWITCH, 85, South Shops,
Emp. 9-12-22, Died 7-29-85
PATRICK MCGING, 64, West Shops,
Emp. 7-31-50, Died 7-10-85
PETER MIRKOVICH, 95, Way & Struts,
Emp. 8-23-18, Died 6-26-85
OSCAR F. POHL, 65, Stores,
Emp. 11-19-49, Died 7-16-85
ESTEBAN ROSARIO, 60, Madison/Wabash,
Emp. 4-21-72, Died 7-4-85
JACOB A. RUSNAK, 74, North Park,
Emp. 2-3-36, Died 7-3-85
RUTH M. SOUTTER, 91, Transportation,
Emp. 4-4-21, Died 7-17-85
FRANK P. SPOLEC, 83, South Shops,
Emp. 12-27-22, Died 7-26-85
SAMUEL W. WILSON, 71, Beverly,
Emp. 8-14-41, Died 7-2-85
WALTER J. ZURAWSKI, 67, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-5-46, Died 7-2-85

SEPTEMBER

WILLIAM J. BARNES, 80, South Shops,
Emp. 4-17-34, Died 7-20-85
WILLIAM F. BLUME, 75, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-10-48, Died 8-14-85
LAMBERT BRONS, 80, South Shops,
Emp. 6-8-26, Died 8-7-85
EDWARD J. COMAN, 78, Claim,
Emp. 1-11-47, Died 8-28-85
DOMENICO DISTASIO, 90, Way & Struts,
Emp. 11-20-19, Died 8-7-85
WILLIAM T. HANNA, 93, South Shops,
Emp. 5-31-16, Died 8-31-85
JAMES P. HARTIGAN, 73, West Section,
Emp. 11-13-45, Died 8-25-85
JOHN B. HAYES, 68, Kedzie,
Emp. 3-1-46, Died 8-8-85
RUDOLF HEROLD, 83, Stores,
Emp. 10-6-26, Died 8-10-85
JOHN F. HOGAN, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-19-36, Died 7-31-85
RAYMOND A. HYNES, 81, Office Services,
Emp. 9-1-46, Died 8-25-85
THOMAS M. KACZYNSKI, 72, Limits,
Emp. 12-28-45, Died 8-13-85
MICHAEL M. KASMAN, 71, Forest Glen,
Emp. 2-26-47, Died 8-13-85
STANLEY J. KAZAK, 71, North Park,
Emp. 5-21-42, Died 8-18-85
WILLIAM L. MACLIN, 79, North Section,
Emp. 12-28-53, Died 8-26-85
MORRIS R. MADISON, 65, West Shops,
Emp. 10-5-76, Died 8-8-85
CHARLES C. PETERSON, 83, Electrical,
Emp. 4-22-24, Died 8-6-85
WILLIAM D. QUIGLEY, 78, Beverly,
Emp. 2-28-34, Died 8-7-85
JOSEPH SCARNATO, 92, Forest Glen,
Emp. 6-8-43, Died 8-1-85
AUGUST F. SHIMKUS, 74, District A,
Emp. 1-6-43, Died 8-28-85
ARTHUR J. SMITH, 59, 63rd Ashland,
Emp. 3-16-59, Died 8-11-85
GEORGE W. STOKES, 80, Archer,
Emp. 2-1-29, Died 8-19-85

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO EMPLOYEES WITH 3 OR MORE MONTHS SERVICE

The Authority is constantly searching for plans that can benefit you.

After careful research we have completed arrangements to make available a state-of-the-art Universal Life Insurance Program to all employees with three (3) or more months service. This program will supplement any and all investment plans you may now have as well as offer a guaranteed protection opportunity for you and you family.

Some of the plans advantages for you are:

- 1) IT IS COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY.
- 2) YOU ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE, SAFETY & RELIABILITY OF PAYROLL DEDUCTION.
- 3) YOU CAN OBTAIN LIFE INSURANCE AT TRULY AFFORDABLE RATES.
- 4) YOU CHOOSE WHATEVER COMBINATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL PLANS AND RIDERS THAT ARE BEST FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.
- 5) THE PROGRAM BUILDS CASH VALUES WHICH REFLECT CURRENT MARKET INTEREST RATES (BUT IN NO EVENT LESS THAN 5½%).
- 6) YOUR PROGRAM IS SECURE. IT CANNOT BE CANCELED AS LONG AS CASH VALUE REMAINS — EVEN IF YOU TEMPORARILY SUSPEND PREMIUM PAYMENTS.
- 7) THE PLAN IS YOURS AND YOU CAN TAKE IT WITH YOU AT NO INCREASE IN COST IF YOU LEAVE CTA EMPLOYMENT.
- 8) THE PROGRAM BECOMES EFFECTIVE FOR YOU ON THE DATE YOU SIGN THE APPLICATION AND PAYROLL APPLICATION FORM.

Representatives for this program will be at our various locations in the near future. We sincerely urge you to avail yourself of their hospitality, get to know them and learn of the benefits available to you under the Universal Life Insurance plan.

We are pleased to make this program available to you. For all who decide to take advantage of the unusual opportunities it offers, we will make the necessary arrangements to put it into effect and continue to provide the necessary administrative back-up that will keep it in effect as long as you like what it does for you.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Hill
Chairman

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Striving For Excellence...

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Striving for Excellence---

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ore than 700 friends and guests joined in paying homage to 880 Striving for Excellence honorees at the Condesa del Mar in south suburban Alsip on September 14.

It was the second annual event specifically arranged to award and recognize CTA bus operators, ticket agents, conductors, motormen, and other operations personnel whose work records and productivity of the previous year were of impeccable quality.

Included among the 1985 honorees were 311 employees of the Engineering and Maintenance Division who were equally outstanding and were accorded the same recognition.

A perfect work record reflects no occasions of tardiness, no chargeable injuries on duty, no complaints, violations, suspensions, accidents, corrective case interviews, or absences.

CTA Chairman **Michael A. Cardilli** told the honorees, "It's rewarding to see this gathering recognized and appreciated for the many efforts which you put forth everyday and which may seem to be thankless and appear to go unnoticed. I wish we could shelter you from the unwarranted criticism so often hurled your way."

Board member **Nick Ruggiero** who also spoke to the honorees, praised them as "---the best in the transit industry. We're so very proud of you."

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◀ Condesa del Mar's marquee proclaims CTA's finest as the second annual Striving for Excellence banquet is held at the popular supper club.



Florence Salus (left), and **Linda Grysbeck**, vice chairperson, and chairperson respectively, reflect the mood of the evening at Condesa del Mar as they stand ready to greet guests. Mrs. Salus is director, Engineering and Maintenance, Personnel Services and Ms. Grysbeck is superintendent, Training Programs/Procedures Development.



CTA's best at testimonial dinner

A toast to the honorees is led by Chief Administrative Officer **Larry Pianto** (center). Holding glasses high in recognition of Striving for Excellence honorees are (from left) **Richard Schneider**, manager, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance; **Elonzo Hill**, manager, Operations Training/Instruction; CTA Board Member **Nick Ruggiero**; Pianto; Deputy Executive Directors, **George Millonas**, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance; **Anita Curtis**, Human Resources; **Linda Grysbeck**, superintendent, Training Programs/Procedures Development, and Deputy Executive Director **Harry Reddrick**, Operations.



CTA Board Member **Nick Ruggiero** looks over the Striving for Excellence program along with Deputy Executive Director **Harry Reddrick**, Operations (left), and **Elonzo Hill**, manager, Operations Training/Instruction (right).



Jamie Sandoval

Leon Fields

Dorcas Joslin

**A
cross
section**

**of
honorees**

**Philip
Huggins**

Rudolph Dillon

**Georgia
Barnett**

Herbert Boyd, 17 years service--Central District supervisor--"Any job worth doing is worth doing well. I like to give myself plenty of time to do my job, and to think things through. It's a job I like very much." Boyd is a graduate of Control Data Institute and has an associate degree in electrical engineering.

Georgia L. Barnett, 16 years service--money handler--"I have a job to do, and I do it according to the rules and regulations, which I find is the best way to avoid problems," the mother of two declared.

Philip Huggins, 19 years service--towerman, Ashland terminal--A native New Yorker, Huggins said, "I'm always at work, and I do the best job possible when I'm working. It's really good to recognize the Striving for Excellence honorees. It makes you feel good."

Jamie Sandoval, 5 years service--bus operator, North Park--"I follow the rules and exercise good judgment. I also try to keep people on my side when I'm on the street and I try to prevent any abuse of the system concerning fares and service. Sandoval has an associate of arts degree in liberal arts.

Herbert Boyd

Dorcas Joslin, 3 years service--repairer, 98th street terminal--"I have a job that gives me a sense of worth. It is challenging, has a lot of responsibility and is one that I enjoy. It is a job that not a lot of women do." Ms. Joslin is a 1974 graduate of the University of Chicago and finished a four year apprenticeship at U.S. Steel.

Leon Fields, 16 years service--foreman, 98th street terminal--"I put forth my best and then I don't worry about it. I try to deal with the people working for me the way I want others to deal with me, and that is I try to be fair, and stay with the rules. My people say that I'm fair. It's live and let live," said Fields who holds a bachelor of arts degree in business management from Chicago State University.

Rudolph Dillon, 33 years service--rail supervisor, Kimball and Lawrence--"I believe in the team concept because the chain is no stronger than its weakest link. We try to accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative as we strive to give good service. Service is all we have to give the people. We try to keep a good outlook and do the best job that we can."



Fermin Colon

and their comments

Fermin Colon, 11 years service--rail janitor foreman, Madison and Wabash--"I just try to be a good worker and do what has to be done. I like my job, and I work hard at it."

Michael Carduff, 2 years service, electrical worker, South Shops--"The work is challenging and interesting, a little like a game. I enjoy what I do because I like the many different problems which I encounter in this work. I do the very best job that I can," said the Navy veteran who has been an electrician for 13 years.

John Perkins, 25 years service--bus instructor--"I have no problem with coming to work because I like what I do. It makes me feel good to see people I've trained move up in the Authority. The many employee incentive programs, are really good. Programs such as Striving for Excellence, ESPP, Bus Roadeo, Ticket Agent TieUp and others have really boosted employee morale."

S. L. Brooks, 28 years service--track maintenance--"I'm supporting a family, so I'm at work because it's a job that I have to do. When people depend on you it's important to be dependable. It means an awful lot because a man's word is about all he has. I try to make sure that I'm here to do my job."



Michael Carduff



John Perkins



S. L. Brooks

From the Chairman

Giving the best in service

Last month we celebrated the outstanding performances of 880 remarkable CTA employees who we acclaimed the best in professional transit personnel.

These honored employees have dedicated their lives to striving for excellence in performance, and exemplary service. Surely they are deserving of management's plaudits and the respect of their peers. Similarly, we doff our hats to those unsung heroes and heroines — the families of our dedicated employees; for without their support the stride for excellence may well have fallen short of the mark.

Both Mayor Harold Washington and Governor James Thompson have accorded special recognition to CTA Striving for Excellence honorees as distinguished public servants. Mayor Washington and Governor Thompson have also heralded the CTA categories of competition which stressed dependability, team work, employee and passenger safety, and an established record of outstanding achievement which has long been the CTA rule rather than the exception, and which has always had the unswerving support of every CTA employee's family.

There can be little doubt that the perseverance to strive for excellence is fostered by the personal improvement and job commitment which continues to reach new levels. The increased participation in job knowledge and skill development programs has strengthened our employees and created that level of achievement known only to those whose enthusiasm is stimulated by a devotion to the best in service.

Professionalism and dedication as demonstrated by the Striving for Excellence honorees is put on the line every day and makes the difference in difficult times. I congratulate you and thank you for a job well done.

Michael Carduff

Striving for Excellence-- CTA's best



Althea Johnson, featured vocalist, kept the audience entertained with a variety of popular songs throughout the evening. Music was provided by the **Grand Staff** band.



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"You have made our lives easier through your dedication to service," CTA Chief Administrative Officer **Larry Pianto** told honored guests. He called honorees the "epitome of CTA quality."

Chief Administrative Officer **Larry Pianto** said, "Each of you hold a special place in our hearts because you have made our lives easier through your dedication to service. You have maintained the fine tradition of 'people moving people' in a most professional manner."

George Millonas, deputy executive director, Engineering and Maintenance, also recognized the Striving for Excellence honorees as the transit industry's best as he stated, "Our job is simple, we move people, and you do it better than anybody."

Calling the honored CTA employees the "true professionals," **Harry Reddrick**, deputy executive director, Operations, said, "You set the example that inspires your peers to improved job performance. You keep CTA going in good times as well as in the not-so-good times, so be proud of your significant function and its importance to the City of Chicago."

Entertainment for the evening included music for dancing by the Grand Staff, bandleader and vocalist **Mark Ingram**, vocalist **Althea Johnson**, and the comedy team "Straight Up."

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98th terminal takes top honors in first rail maintenance roundup

A three-member rail maintenance team representing 98th Street terminal took top honors in the first CTA rail maintenance roundup held August 25 at Rosemont terminal.

The winners were combination clerk **Dorothy Ballard** and repairers **Lee Slay**, and **Dave Artis**, team captain. As rewards for their success each member of the first place team was given the option of an all expenses

paid weekend holiday, or a 19-inch color television. The first prize also included individual plaques as well as a traveling plaque for the 98th Street terminal, and theater and gift certificates for each of the three winners, and matching jackets and caps.

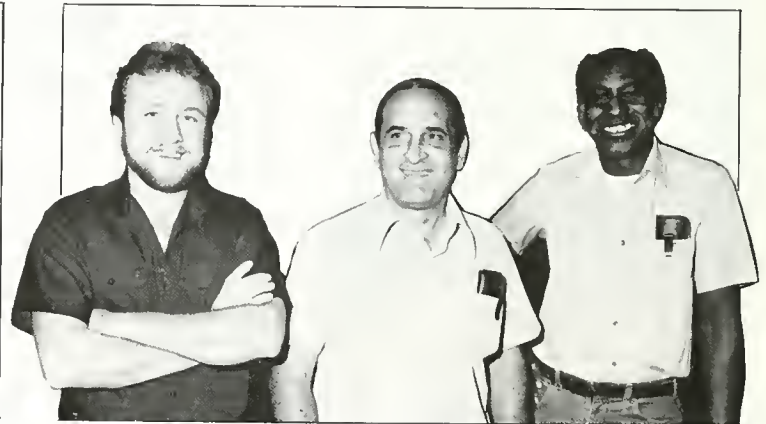
The roundup competition included a 45-minute written examination of 50 questions, a parts identification test which required contestants to use the

correct technical terms, and a three-part hands-on competition aboard a 2600 series rail car.

The hands-on included a 25-minute inspection, a window change with a maximum 10-minute time limit, and trouble-shooting a door problem. Maintenance roundup chairperson **Betty Richman** said the faster contestants completed any phase of the hands-on competition, the more time



Second place honors were awarded to repairer **Fred Misflin** (left), combination clerk **Michael Keating**, and repairer **Michael Mallory**.



This proud team placed third in the Maintenance Roundup competition. They are combination clerk **Michael Everett** (left), foreman **Joseph Labellarte**, and repairer **A.C. Willis**.



Combination clerk **Dorothy Ballard** is flanked by repairers **Lee Slay** (left), and team captain **Dave Artis**, all basking with success as top prize winners in the first CTA Rail Maintenance Roundup.

they could devote to inspecting the car.

Ballard, Slay and Artis tallied 344 points to top 16 other maintenance terminal teams. The four runners-up teams were 54th Street terminal, second place with 324 points; Desplaines, third place, 318; Harlem, fourth place, 302; and Rosemont, fifth place with 301 points. A second Rosemont team was edged out of fifth place by two points. The maximum possible score in the competition was 400.

Second place awards of a radio telephone combination, theater tickets, and gift certificates were awarded to 54th Street terminal repairers **Fred Misflin**, and **Michael Mallory**, and combination clerk **Michael Keating**.

Third place awards of a travel bag, theater tickets and gift certificates went to foreman **Joseph Labellarte**, repairer **A.C. Willis**, and combination clerk **Michael Everett** of Desplaines as third prize. Second and third place winners also received individual plaques.

Fourth place honors went to assistant foreman **Gary Kemp**, and repairer **Ernest Link** of Harlem. Members of the Rosemont fifth place team were assistant foreman **Michael Lavelle, Jr.**, and repairer **Oscar Flores**. All contestants received distinctive caps, flashlights, pens, belt buckles, and screwdrivers.

An awards dinner to fete maintenance roundup winners was planned for Chicago's Pressman Hall November 1. **cta**



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Assistant foreman **Kevin Finnegan** (inside), and teammate **Gary Johnson**, 61st Street terminal, work against a 10-minute deadline to change a window on this 2600 series car.

3 Car repairman **Anthony Varga** of Rosemont terminal inspects the coupler of this rail car during the 25-minute hands-on inspection. The two man team also included 54th street terminal car repairer **Leonard Stryzak**.

4 Car repairman **Rodrigo**, 54th Street terminal, inspects this car for problems which could render it out of service.



5 This Rosemont terminal team takes a crack at parts identification. The trio includes (from left) repairer **William Nielsen**, car servicer **Julia Velinske**, and repairer **John Josephitis, Jr.**

6 Repairers **Dave Artis** and **Lee Slay**, and combination clerk **Dorothy Ballard** meter the power as they trouble-shoot the door problem.

Critical situation



Day in CTA recipients on a tour of the control center in the Merchandise Mart hear bus controller **James Stevens** explain procedures used to assist operators. The honorees are (from left) motorman **Juan Vega**, Howard Street terminal; operator **Louis Greene**, 77th Street garage and conductors **Jorge Pinares** and **Carl King**, Howard Street terminal. Seated at the terminal is bus controller **Michael Sanchez**.

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Day in CTA honors

A bus operator and three rapid transit workers were accorded "Day in CTA" honors for their exceptional performance on restoring safe rider conditions in two critical situations.

Operator **Louis Greene**, 77th Street garage, received a "Day in CTA" certificate of special recognition for the manner in which he brought his 14-Jeffery route bus to a safe stop

after a set of rear wheels came off the vehicle. The incident happened as the bus traveled southbound on Lake Shore Drive. None of the 70 riders aboard at the time were injured.

Rapid transit conductor **Jorge Pinares** was praised for the deftness he exercised in helping to evacuate riders from his Howard street train as fire threatened their safety. Another

rapid transit crew receiving recognition for assistance in this situation was motorman **Juan Vega** and conductor **Carl King**, also Howard street personnel.

Vega and King were nearby when the fire aboard Pinares' train developed. Their assistance aided in the speedy movement of passengers from the burning train.

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Retirement funds may be vested

If you leave CTA employment before you are eligible to retire, what can you do with your pension funds? You can request a refund of your contributions plus interest. Or -- if you

have at least 10 years of service -- you can vest in the Retirement Plan.

If you vest, you will be entitled to a monthly pension once you reach age 65 even though you have quit working for the CTA. Your pension will be calculated using the formula in effect when you become separated from the Authority.

Vesting may not be for everyone. An employee who is leaving the

Authority and eligible to vest should compare the lump sum refund with the monthly pension payments and decide which is better.

To help you decide, the Pension Office will be happy to provide you with an estimate of what your pension and refund would be.

Finally, if an employee chooses to vest but dies before the pension begins, his or her beneficiary will be entitled to the contributions and interest as of the date the employee became separated from the CTA.

Cleo Jackson (West Section) was praised for her performance as conductor on an O'Hare-Congress train ridden one Sunday morning by Ellen Fitzgibbons, of North Nagle Avenue. "She is the nicest conductor I have ever seen: very friendly, warm, gentle and reassuring. She speaks to passengers with a smile. She walks up and down the aisles to collect the necessary fares in a way that you can tell she puts herself wholeheartedly into her job. She is a cut above the average conductor. At one point we were delayed by track repairs. She would reassure those passengers who needed it. I felt that even if we had an emergency on that train, I would feel safe, and I never felt that way about anyone outside the medical profession."



Atsia Fair (77th Street garage) was commended for her handling of a No. 29 State bus ridden by Joureene Pannier, of Fern Court. "She makes the ride delightful. She is not only courteous, but goes out of her way to be helpful. She makes sure that senior citizens are seated before pulling off, and she gives directions to questioning passengers in a clear, cheerful manner. When people leave her bus, they often turn and thank her for making the ride so pleasant. It's a pleasure to encounter someone who obviously takes her job seriously, and also enjoys it. I feel uplifted just for coming in contact with her. She makes me feel like a guest on her bus."

Jerelean Pagan (North Avenue garage) was called "an extremely competent bus driver with a professional, courteous manner" by Fannie Winterfeld, of Waukegan, who was a rider on her No. 53 Pulaski bus. "She was quietly alert, without anger, at the foolish car drivers who could have caused accidents. Also alert to the teenaged, high-spirited passengers in the rear of the bus, as well as paying attention to leaving and boarding passengers. She was a joy to watch. I am a former Chicagoan riding public transportation since 1917. Chicago has the best transportation system I have ever seen in the United States, and I have been all over."

Rosemary Hoskins (North Park garage) was admired by Marguerite Backus, of North Michigan Avenue, who was a rider on her No. 151 Sheridan bus. "Here was this smiling lady saying, 'Good morning' and really meaning it. Every stop she greeted people the same. Around the 500 block of Michigan Avenue many visitors to our city got on. She greeted each one and was as gracious as if she were inviting them into her own home. All of the people noticed this driver, and everyone was commenting about her. She is a terrific asset to the CTA, and is gracious and real. She has a natural ability to project a better image of CTA because she believes in what she's doing."



Wilfredo Soto (West Section) was complimented by Arthur Hansen, of Oak Park, for his courtesy as a ticket agent at Ridgeland on the Lake-Dan Ryan route. "We had visitors from Wisconsin for the weekend, and we thought a trip on the El would be a good way to show them Chicago. The agent at this station went out of his way to help us. He was cheerful and helpful. He not only provided us with maps, but also took the time to explain how to find certain buildings in the Loop, and then how to transfer to the O'Hare train. He was tolerant of our unfamiliarity with the system of fares and transfers, and we got off to a grand start."

Wilfredo Cuevas (Forest Glen garage) was the operator of a No. 56 Milwaukee bus ridden by Theodora Gorski, of North Ridgeway Avenue. "I left my bag on the bus. I called the CTA office and was told to call back about 7 p.m. I did and was told they had my bag at the Bryn Mawr (Forest Glen) station. I picked it up and found all the contents down to the last penny. It would not be pleasant to lose \$10, but the loss of keys, credit cards and my checkbook would cause a lot of inconvenience and worry. This man should be praised for his honesty and thoughtfulness. In this present world, it lifts the spirits to know there are some good people out there."

Moses Buchanan (77th Street garage) was thanked by Beatrice Fairfax, of South Hyde Park Boulevard, who was a rider on his No. 6 Jeffery Express bus. "I am a senior citizen, and do have a problem traveling on public transportation. Everyone is always telling me 'Be careful.' So when I lost my wallet, it had a devastating effect on me because my ID cards are important to me. I also had two blank checks in the wallet and was afraid someone might use them. But lucky me, I received a phone call that evening. The bus driver had found the wallet and turned it in to the Lost and Found at 77th Street. This was a good deed above and beyond the call of duty."

Three O'Hare route personnel were lauded for their help in retrieving a camera bag left on a train by Bruce Nesbitt, president of a firm on Northwest Highway. "I immediately went to the ticket booth at Jefferson Park and spoke with a young man (**Antonio Narvaez Jr.**) who asked me appropriate questions and then telephoned to get help. Within five minutes he assured me that the bag had been located and was in the possession of the train motorman. He then instructed me to go back to O'Hare to see supervisor **Julio Diaz**. Diaz even offered me a cup of coffee and some cake while I waited. When the train arrived, the motorman (**Willie Akerson**) calmly handed me the bag after I identified myself. I would like people to know that they are not without help when emergencies arise in your fine system."

Nutrition and you

by Elaine Moragne, R.D., M.S.

Nutrition is something we often treat like the weather. We would like to have good nutrition, but we tend to think there's nothing we can do about it.

That's where we're wrong. We can do plenty about it.

Nutrition is a combination of processes by which food is utilized for energy, maintenance of body functions, growth and renewal. It can be good or bad for you, depending upon what you choose to eat.

The major components of nutrition are fats, carbohydrates, and protein. All produce energy.

But fats provide twice the calories of protein or carbohydrate. Anyone who is concerned about weight reduction should consider restricting his or her consumption of dietary fat from the current average of 40 percent to 30 percent of total calorie intake.

It is believed that a reduction in saturated fats (fats which are solid at room temperature) and an increase in polyunsaturated fats (fats that are soft or liquid at room temperature) can lower blood cholesterol levels and prevent coronary heart disease.

Carbohydrates are thought to cause unwanted pounds. However, it's the kind of carbohydrate that matters.

Complex carbohydrates, such as

those found in grains, fruits and starchy vegetables, are desirable because they often contain vitamins and minerals.

Simple refined carbohydrates, like sugar, candies and carbonated beverages provide calories with no nutritional value.

Many Americans do not consider fiber to be essential to their diets. But several protective characteristics have been attributed to fiber, which acts like a damp sponge by softening stool bulk and decreasing the time it takes for material to move through the colon.

The use of fiber is thought to prevent diverticulitis by reducing the exposure of the colon to possible cancer-causing substances, and by lowering blood cholesterol.

High fiber food include whole grain breads, cereals, pasta, brown rice, fruits and vegetables, dried beans and legumes, nuts and seeds.

Protein is considered the first substance recognized as vital to living tissue, since it provides amino acids which are needed to make body tissue.

The recommended daily allowance for the average adult 170-pound man is 62 grams of protein, and for the average 120-pound woman, 44 grams.



The minimum requirement of protein for the adult male is met by eating three ounces of beef, a half cup of cottage cheese, and three ounces of tuna.

For the adult woman, the suggested diet would consist of four ounces of broiled fish and three and a half ounces of chicken.

To achieve a sound nutritional status, it is important to:

Select a wide variety of food and strive for ideal body weight.

Avoid foods that are high in saturated fat and cholesterol.

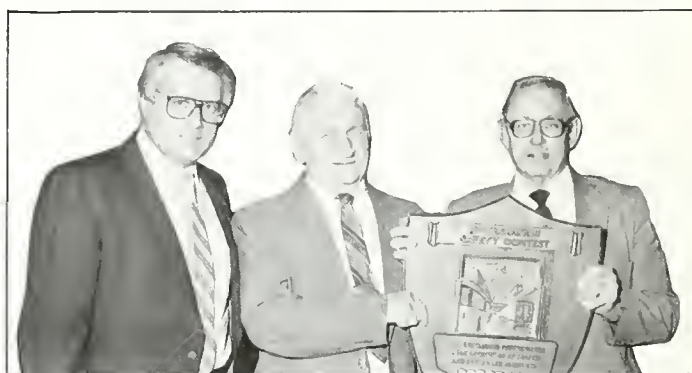
Choose foods composed of complex carbohydrates and those that are high in fiber.

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Ron Catanzaro, superintendent, North Avenue garage, is flanked by **Larry Pianto** (left), CTA's chief administrative officer, and Safety Manager **Tom Boyle** as they present the north side garage the Interstation Safety Plaque for the second and third quarters of 1985. Honored 12 times

for its safety record, North Avenue had the best second quarter passenger rate in the system and 29 accident-free days in the third quarter. Safety honors for the 10th time are also accorded Douglas Park terminal as **Patrick O'Malley** (right) accepts the second quarter Interstation Safety



Plaque for the west side terminal which experienced only one accident during this recording period. O'Hare terminal was also a third quarter winner of the Public Safety honor. It was the 18th time O'Hare has received the award.

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Body builder



Westside motorman **Quentin Michalczewski**, a body builder, displays the trophies and medallion awarded him for his 1985 third place finish in the "Mr. Prairie State" Master Division Open at Wheaton/Warrenville Middle School recently. Quentin placed fifth in the same contest a year ago. Quentin said he plans to participate in the 1987 "Mr. America" competition. He has been a CTA employee since May 1973.

Finishing clerk earns degree in naprapathy

CTA duplicating finishing clerk **Olivia P. Thompson** is now **Dr. Olivia P. Thompson** since completing all requirements for a degree in the science of naprapathy.

Her October 12 graduation from the Chicago National College of Naprapathy ends a five-year degree pursuit followed by a 12-month internship which Mrs. Thompson served at the school's Milwaukee avenue clinic. Commencement exercises are set for the Bunker Hill Country Club in northwest suburban Niles.

Dr. Thompson's immediate plans call for working weekends and some



evenings at her new practice, with a view towards setting her shingle out for a full time practice later.

A 14-year CTA employee, she is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Woods**, whom she credits with the moral support needed for her endeavors, along with the support provided by her children, North Central College aeronautical engineering student and track star **Gerald L. Thompson, Jr.**, and daughter, **Holly**, a junior at Unity high school.

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

*Employees who have received
Commendations from the public.*

Shahid Abdullah, 77th Street
Hasan Abed, Archer
Maria Agnew, Limits
Leftherry Andoniadis, North Park
Rogelio Arrazola, North Park
Hettie Atkins, North Park

Rudolph Blakemore, North Avenue
Vicki Bledsoe, Howard, Kimball
Ramona Bolden, 77th Street
James Boyd Jr., North Park
Delphine Brown, Limits
Medrick Bussie, Kedzie

Angel Cabrera, North Park
Jean Cage, North Park
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Eloise Carter, 77th Street
Ilda Castellanos-Wadde, North Park
Felicia Clower, Limits
Richard Corbett, Howard, Kimball
Griz Craig, North Park

Dorothy Davis, Kedzie
Electra De Alba, North Avenue
Herman Duffin, Forest Glen
John Durnell, Archer

Curtis Esters, North Park

William Finley Jr., North Avenue
James Fitzgerald, Limits
Karl Fleming, 77th Street

Tommie Garner, North Park
David Gaston, North Park
Jeffrey Gilbert, Howard, Kimball
Wallacene Good, Forest Glen
Louis Greene Jr., 77th Street

Donnie Hanna, Archer
William Henderson Jr., North Park
Peyton Hightower, 77th Street
Roger Hudson, 77th Street

Joseph Jackson, Limits
Perry Jackson Jr., 69th Street
Lewis Johnson, 77th Street
Cedric Johnson, Kedzie
Richard Jones, 77th Street
Bernardino Juarez, Limits

Karie Kareem, North Park

Hollis Lewis Jr., North Avenue
Jesus Limas, North Park

William Mandelove Jr., Forest Glen
Albert Mangram, North Avenue
William Markowski, Forest Glen
Charles Martin, Archer
Camille Mathews, Jefferson Park
Calvin McCants, 69th Street
Vivian McDonald, 77th Street
David Metken, North Avenue
Dana Mimms, 77th Street

Antonio Narvaez Jr., West Section

Araceli Olivier, North Park
Pedro Orozco, North Park

John Paczkowski, Archer
Walter Payne, 77th Street
Willena Pierson, 69th Street
Jackie Pritt, Rail Dist North

Richard Ross, Howard, Kimball
Tanette Russell, West Section

Willie Sandifer, 77th Street
Frank Schulget Jr., West Section
Roy Shores, 77th Street
Melbernice Simmons, Kedzie

Richard Sims, Howard, Kimball
Dexter Smith, Limits
JoAnn Stallworth, North Avenue

Billy Stanback, North Park
Frank Staszak, Archer
James Strickland, 69th Street
Robert Surita, 77th Street
Thomas Szpekowski, Forest Glen

Curtis Thompson Jr., 77th Street
Reginald Tolbert, North Park
Blanca Torres, Forest Glen
Barbara Tribble, Archer
Rodney Trussell, North Avenue
Willie Turner, 69th Street

Frank Vazquez, Kedzie

Elizabeth Washington, 77th Street
William Washington, 77th Street
Patrick Werner, Howard, Kimball
Ricky Wetherspoon, North Park
Walter White, Beverly
Henderson Williams, Forest Glen

Alex Ybarra, Limits

THE INSIDE NEWS

Internal Audit

Special October birthday accolades for **Marcelo Reyes**, **Chet Mangalik**, and **Joe Brzegowy** of this department...Congratulations to **John Kurtovich** and **Maureen Danaher** of the Capital Development Department on their recent engagement. The happy couple have already set the wedding date for August 16, 1986. Promotional Services Assistant **Helene Greiman** and **Stu Evans** were engaged on September 16. The wedding has been set for April 20, 1986. This reporter's best wishes go to the happy couples...Vacationing in

Hawaii was **Tony Ambut** of the Communications Section. He said he was gone "only two weeks," but in that two weeks he visited friends, toured three islands, and witnessed volcano activity on the Big Island. Sounds wonderful to this reporter, who stayed behind and answered his phones...This is the smile we got from seven-month old **Tina Reese** after she read her latest



was spelled Cranford in Vol. 38, Nos. 5-6 issue of Transit News. Our apologies, A.C. Speaking of Mr. Crawford, he has, since his capture of Harlem Shop as foreman, graduated from assistant foreman. **John Chalmers** went to Wilson Shop, and **Gary Kemp** to 54th Street Shop. A.C. is currently training a rookie, **Andre Brewster**...**Herman Swoope** and your reporter, **Mike McGuinness**, have worked together as weekend repairmen for six years, and claim to be the best salt-and-pepper team in the system. No wonder the Lake-Dan Ryan line runs so smoothly...Repairers and families who enjoyed vacations outside the United States are: **Wilson Mollfulleda** in Puerto Rico; **Thomas Warchol** in Paris, France; **Rich Plomin** in Hawaii; **Joe Andruk** and **Norm Hunt** in Warsaw, Poland; **Gary Kemp** and wife, **Debbie**, two great weeks in West Germany. Nice to have money!..Office Clerk **Joey Nicosia's** wife, **Janice**, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, **Kristen Elizabeth**, on August 10, weighing 9 lbs. 9 oz. Look out, Joey and Janice!..Everyone had a tremendous time at **Frank Chiappetta's** retirement in June. Frank



(left) is being congratulated by Rail Superintendent **Richard Lorimer**. Our thanks to **W. J. Kincaid** for the photo...**Tom Togher** celebrated 37 years with CTA September 18. Keep going, Tom...**Rich Urban** is recuperating from a sprained wrist he got playing softball. Good luck, Rich!

Mike McGuinness

North Avenue

29 Years! And everyone of those years driving a bus from at North Avenue! That's what our recent retiree **Louis Berry** closes his career with as an operator. For those of us who attended Lou's retirement party at his

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES 35 Years

Jake Reed Jr., Archer
Thomas Spencer, 77th Street

30 Years

Alan Downing, Mech. Maint.
Charles Dunkins, Track & Roadway
Anthony Espinosa, North Avenue
Luther Lee, 77th Street
Charles Spears, Ashland

25 Years

David Bowman, North Park
Louis Dovichi, North Avenue
John Doyle, South Shops
Leo Flynn, Gen'l Maint.
Robert Ford, 77th Street
Karl Gaeger, Treasury
Curtis Haskell, Sig. Phone & Radio
Samy Jefferson, South Shops
Frank Klekovitch, Ashland
Robert Lewis, North Avenue
George Lindsey, Howard/Kimball
Albert Lowery, North Park
Carl Lyday, Howard/Kimball
Hugh Masterson, Bus Pers.-North
Frank Montefalco, Esc. Mice.
Anthony Polich, South Shops
Garland Rhines, North Park
Carl Suddeth, North Park
John Turner, 69th Street
Early Watson Jr., Archer
Laurance Weathersby Jr., 69th Street
Gerald Wilson, Field Review
Thomas Wilson, Instruction

copy of Transit News with all the latest Inside News. Tina is the daughter of **Thomas Izzo**, a pipe fitter at West Shops, and the granddaughter of **Herman Izzo**, a CTA retiree who formerly worked in the Vehicle Maintenance Shops...The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) provided an interesting seminar to **Jack Sowchin** of the Publications Section, who attended. The "Adwheel" Jack's section put together won an Honorable Mention for CTA. After the seminar, Jack spent an additional week in California visiting relatives and seeing the sights...The beautiful paintings displayed throughout the Public Affairs Department are for sale by the artist. See this reporter for details.

Joyce Petrich

Harlem Shop

A spelling correction is in order for Shop Foreman **Al Crawford**, which

home, it was quite an evening. Perfect weather, plenty of yard to walk and relax in, and definitely lots of food and spirits. Lou's wife, **Phyllis**, was the perfect hostess. Perhaps now that Lou's retired, his wife and he will be using more of that fancy 16-foot catamaran we noted sitting in the yard...**Jim Davis** probably made good of his CTA driving skills as he, his wife and their two children putt-putted in Cumberland Gap, Kentucky on a recent vacation. Jim mentions that he also celebrates his 25th year as an operator and hopes to join some special club for senior drivers. What club, Jim?? **Martha Flores** would like to express her appreciation for the many kindnesses and sincerities extended to her during the loss of her young daughter, **Martha**, age 5, who had been ill with leukemia and yet, still gave her mother that little smile even when she wasn't feeling well...**John Curran** (Fullerton) recently overheard counting aloud that he has a mere 95 more working days and then he'll be using that pensioner's riding card...A pat on the back and thank you's for all concerned on helping North Avenue win its Second Quarter Safety Award. Enjoy the refreshments being served operators. Let's try and repeat this again soon...Looking forward to his retirement after a total of 40 years service with CTA is our switchboard operator, **Charles Luepke**. Enjoy the coming years in good health, Charles...Congratulations to Operator **David James**, who managed to be in CTA's 1985 Bus Roadeo and came away with a third place showing. Who knows, this may be our future 1986 champion!..Well, what can you say to **Curtis Banks** besides W-O-W!! Operator Banks, as you surely know by now, was one of two winners at the

racetrack recently and will share in that jackpot of nearly \$734,000. Curtis bought sweetrolls and coffee for the station, and we can only wonder did anyone bite into a sweetroll with a hidden \$1,000 bill? HAH!..Our congratulations to the 1985 CTA Softball League champions: First Place, North Park Breezers, and Second Place, North Park Styx. Pictured in the first



photo with the Second Place Trophy are **David Washington** (left), Union Representative, and **Kevin Grayer**, outfielder for Styx. In the second photo are the first place winners, the



Breezers' **Claudis Toran** (left) and **Jerome Towns**, team captain.
Mike Flores

Begins medical training

Dorothy M. Jones, 21, daughter of CTA West Shops carpenter **Paul Jones**, and payroll clerk **Robbie Jones**, Merchandise Mart, is a freshman medical student at the University of Illinois.

Miss Jones is a 1985 graduate of the University of Chicago where she received a bachelor of arts degree in biological science.



IN MEMORIAM

- ROY C. BAIRD**, 78, North Avenue, Emp. 4-8-44, Died 9-4-85
WILLIAM C. BRIGHT, 66, Howard, Emp. 7-26-66, Died 8-6-85
DAVID R. BRUMIRSKI, 69, 69th Street, Emp. 9-9-46, Died 8-26-85
WILLIAM C. BUETOW, 78, North Avenue, Emp. 8-17-37, Died 9-2-85
ANTHONY CARR, 79, North Section, Emp. 10-10-29, Died 10-4-85
JOHN FOLEY, 89, Way & Structures, Emp. 11-4-42, Died 9-27-85
RAYMOND HOROSZKO, 65, North Ave., Emp. 8-11-45, Died 9-14-85
ALVIN HUBBARD, 65, Maintenance, Emp. 11-3-49, Died 9-27-85
ERNEST A. HUCKSOLL, 82, North Park, Emp. 11-6-33, Died 9-29-85
PAUL D. JONES, 82, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-28-42, Died 9-4-85
ROSCOE P. JONES, 77, North Avenue, Emp. 3-28-44, Died 9-3-85
THOMAS KALLAL, 93, Lawndale, Emp. 9-18-17, Died 9-18-85
ADOLPH A. KUTZ, 76, Electrical, Emp. 1-7-29, Died 9-9-85
RICHARD F. MACKIE, 84, 69th Street, Emp. 6-27-23, Died 9-15-85
DOMINICK F. NAPOLEON, 67, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-22-41, Died 9-8-85
OLAF E. PETERSEN, 84, North Section, Emp. 9-5-46, Died 8-25-85
STEPHEN M. PLASZCZEWSKI, 74, Skokie, Emp. 5-24-39, Died 8-4-85
CHARLES F. POSCH, 74, Beverly, Emp. 11-22-46, Died 9-30-85
LLOYD RAMSEY, 63, Limits, Emp. 6-20-57, Died 9-13-85
JOHN J. SLOVACEK, 87, Congress, Emp. 6-14-16, Died 9-8-85
CHARLES M. SMITH, 85, Insurance, Emp. 6-16-26, Died 9-25-85
DAVID SMITH, 64, South Shops, Emp. 3-6-51, Died 8-12-85
LEROY SUTTON, 71, West Section, Emp. 9-11-52, Died 8-9-85

Pensioners

- EARLIE L. BRYANT**, Bus Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 7-11-55
FRANCIS M. FLYNN, Bus Repairer, Beverly, Emp. 8-20-47
ROBERT G. GAFENEY, Ticket Agent, Howard, Emp. 1-6-58
THEODORE GREGORY, Architect, Fac. Eng. & Maint., Emp. 5-25-74
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DRACO E. SLAUGHTER, Bus Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 9-22-60
DOROTHY V. WAYNER, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 3-11-67



Investor Life representatives

Members of this group of Investor Life representatives are visiting various CTA work locations for the next several months to discuss the new voluntary Universal Life Insurance program now being offered through payroll deduction. Seated are (from left) **Irvin Burks**, **Lionel Abdul-Haqq**, **Cynthia Cooper**, **Bill Sauter**, **Lee Estus**, and **Wayne Gregory**. Standing: **Ray Adams**, **Bill Bettis**, **Bill Gannon**, **Morgan Carter**, and **Johnnie Campbell**. Representatives will continue to be available to CTA employees for account service following initial enrollment. Offices of Investor Life Service are located at 222 West Adams Street. For further information employees should call 263-0356/57.

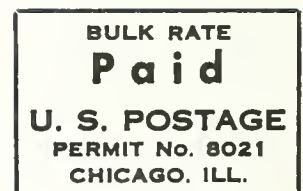
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CTA Chairman **Michael A. Cardilli** greeting honorees and special guests, called the moment "rewarding" and expressed appreciation for the efforts CTA employees put forth each day.

Striving for Excellence subcommittee chairpersons arrived early to handle last minute details. They are (from left) **Bob Aldworth**, Operations Planning, decorating/graphics; **Bill Sholdice**, Operations, publicity/program; **Virginia McGraw**, Engineering and Maintenance, and **Paul Kadowaki**, Operations, seating/hospitality; **Florence Salus**, Engineering and Maintenance, event vice chairperson; **Linda Grysbeck**, Operations, event chairperson; **Tony Borcic**, Operations, administration; **Mark Dundovich**, Engineering and Maintenance, advertising sales/promotions; **Bob Bizar**, Communications, entertainment/audio-visual; **Clark Carter**, Operations, advertising sales/promotions.

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Welcoming in the New Year was more than a late-night celebration for CTA. It was the climax to a year that saw progress in a number of areas affecting both employee and rider satisfaction, as well as CTA's commitment to public service.

The year ended, in fact, with a final example of concern for the public -- the offer of free rides on CTA trains and buses from 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve until 6 a.m. New Year's Day -- to reduce the risk of accidents by revelers

who might otherwise consider driving their own vehicles.

Increased promotional activity was one of the most notable changes at CTA in 1985, raising public awareness of CTA not only as a provider of transportation, but also as an agency willing to become involved in public service issues.

The Public Affairs Department's Promotional Services section, under the direction of Terry Hocin, made CTA the first transit agency in the nation to take part in the campaign to find missing children. Beginning in

February, two missing children car cards, each showing two children, were made up each month for posting on buses and trains. Fully half of the 38 children pictured were later located.

A new full-color map appeared around Valentine's Day, featuring easier-to-read graphics, simplified route descriptions, and first and last trip departure times for routes that don't have 24-hour service. Still more improvements have been added to the 1986 map.

Perhaps the most welcome innova-

tion of the year was the introduction of new fareboxes for CTA buses. The fareboxes, which accept dollar bills in one slot and coins in another, electronically register the value of the coins deposited. The bills are drawn lengthwise into the fareboxes in such a way that each one can be viewed by the operator.

Substantial savings are expected from an end to such practices as inserting folded half or whole dollar bills into the old fareboxes, which jammed them, forcing buses out of service. Extra expense was also needed to repair the jammed boxes, and to open and count the folded bills.

Refitting of all older buses to provide windows that open was achieved in 1985, finally providing a logical answer to the insurmountable problem of maintaining functional air-conditioning on the surface fleet.

About two-thirds of an order for 362 new buses arrived from the M.A.N. Truck and Bus Company of Charlotte, N.C., during the year. Besides having sliding and hopper windows for increased air circulation, these buses also feature digital electronic destination signs that can be programmed for any route, thereby eliminating the need to change roller curtains when transferring vehicles from one garage to another.

By year's end, CTA had received about three-fourths of its order for 600 new (2600-series) rapid transit cars from Transit America Inc. (formerly known as the Budd Company) of Philadelphia. In addition, 45 older cars were put back into service on the Evanston and Skokie routes after being completely rehabilitated.

O'Hare Airport service was the focus of extensive promotional effort in 1985, and the results could be seen in ever-growing ridership. Prizes were awarded in a May ceremony honoring the one millionth rider to enter the O'Hare station terminal. In September, Mayor Harold Washington was on hand to announce the winner of a contest to guess the number of riders boarding at O'Hare during its first year of operation.

Work was about half-finished, at year's end, on a new garage at 103rd and Stony Island Avenue that is scheduled for completion in the spring of next year. By this summer, work will begin on demolishing North Avenue garage in preparation for con-

From the Chairman

A banner year of community service

'Tis the season to be reflective.

We can look back upon our numerous accomplishments of the past year with grateful acknowledgment and thanksgiving, and I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all CTA employees for your efforts and professionalism that made our accomplishments possible.

1985 was indeed a banner year. A record number of outstanding employees were honored at our "Striving for Excellence" celebration, and our operations and maintenance skill competitions attracted the highest level of employee participation.

Our fleet modernization has continued to move ahead steadily. During the year CTA took delivery of over 300 new buses, and our current order of 600 rapid transit cars is right on schedule with completion due by Spring, 1987.

Although it appears that CTA has turned the corner, we must continue to remember that the riding public, who pay our salaries with their tax dollars, rightfully expect excellence in both the operation of our service and the cleanliness and maintenance of our vehicles. There is no one area at CTA that can be said to have excelled completely in serving the public. We must continue to strive toward this end.

Capital improvements have again enabled us to plan ahead for our future needs. The Howard-Dan

Ryan transit project, underway since November 14, will realign and link these two rapid transit lines, pairing transit lines with similar ridership levels. Increased track capacity will be provided, and yard facilities for the two lines will be expanded.

Our increased promotional activities have benefited the community and CTA. More than half of the missing children who appeared on car cards in CTA vehicles have been located, and, in cooperation with the Chicago Police Department, our Fingerprint Bus has provided thousands of fingerprint and photo portfolios for parents of young children. Ridership on our new rapid transit service to O'Hare International Airport increased more than 30% during 1985 as a direct result of promotional activities.

As we look forward to 1986, we are proud to be moving ahead with an outstanding work force of CTA employees whose dedication to service made 1985 so successful. I am sure the same excellence and enthusiasm will continue to make CTA a leader in the transit industry through the new year.

Thank you for your outstanding performance in 1985, and best wishes for continued prosperity in the new year.



struction of a new facility on the same site.

The year 1985 also witnessed the opening volley in CTA's new war on graffiti. The campaign included crea-

tion of a program to educate Chicago students about the costs and effects of vandalism and graffiti. Apprehended vandals were put to work cleaning up their acts.

National Safety Council

Thomas D. Boyle, CTA manager of Safety, has received the National Safety Council's Distinguished Service to Safety Award.

The award is the highest honor given to an individual by the Council in recognition of outstanding service in the field of safety. Boyle was selected by the Council's Motor Transportation Division for his contribution to safety in the nation's public transit field.

He was cited for his part in developing and implementing safety courses for the U.S. Urban Mass Transportation Administration's Transportation

Safety Institute in Oklahoma City, and recognized for his extensive work as chairman of the American Public Transit Association (APTA) Rail Safety Committee.

Boyle has served on the National Safety Council's board of directors and is past chairman of the Council's Motor Transportation Division and Transit Executive Committee.

lauds CTA's Tom Boyle

The award, in the form of a plaque, was presented to Boyle during the 73rd Annual National Safety Council Congress and Exposition held in New Orleans, October 28-31.



Clerk wins at big bucks bingo

CTA token clerk Miguel Manso collected \$100 November 5 by playing "Big Bucks Bingo," which is broadcast over WCIU-TV, Channel 26, and promoted by CTA.

Manso of the CTA treasury department has played the game since its October 28 premiere. Broadcast in both Spanish and English, the game is played Monday through Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The grand prize for Big Bucks Bingo is \$10,000 and a new car.

Bingo winners must call in their winning card by 7:15 p.m. of the same evening, or mail the card to the station immediately to claim a prize. "I had no trouble getting them when I won," said Manso who collected his money the next day. The November 5 jackpot of \$200 was split with another winner, Manso said.

Bingo cards are available at 15 selected locations selling the CTA monthly pass, all Dominick super markets, and several other Chicago and suburban locations.



Day in CTA

Bus controller **Anthony Berry** (right), explains the bus controller's function in the CTA Operations control center to "Day in CTA" honorees (from left) **James Sledge**, "B" district; **Clardy Wells**, Howard terminal; **Kenneth Johnson**, "B" district; and **Joseph Folken**, O'Hare terminal.



"Day in CTA" honorees get a look at rail control operations as **Al Fleming** (left) explains procedures. Control center guests are **Ronald Ricks**, **Eddie Iqbal**, **Frederick Smith**, and **Royster Lowery**.

honors eight employees

A conductor and five motormen who responded to several unusual occurrences on their respective rapid transit routes have received special recognition as Day in CTA honorees.

Motorman **Royster Lowery** and conductor **Ronald Ricks**, both of Howard terminal, distinguished themselves when they assisted another train crew in the evacuation of riders following a spontaneous fire aboard the train.

A passenger who wrote CTA regarding the incident said, "The conduct of CTA personnel on the burning train as well as on the rescue train definitely saved lives; they placed their own lives in jeopardy."

Meanwhile, Howard motorman **Clardy Wells** distinguished himself by operating his North-South train safely after it developed faulty brakes. Wells notified the control center of his situation and was instructed to operate to Sheridan station. Operations management said Wells' job knowledge, attention to duty and ability

to follow instructions allowed him to operate the train without injury to riders or damage to property, or equipment.

West-South motorman **Frederick Smith** of 61st Street received management's accolades for his alert response to an incident which led to the arrest of a man who was threatening another rider with a knife.

In another rescue effort, O'Hare motorman **Eddie Iqbal** earned kudos when he stopped his West-Northwest train as it approached Western Avenue on the Congress route where Iqbal saw a man on the tracks. The man, a robbery victim, was removed from the tracks by the motorman after the third rail power was cut. A Fire Department ambulance arrived and transported the man to the hospital.

Joseph Folken, another O'Hare motorman, also received special thanks as a Day in CTA honoree for his response to a situation in which a would-be pickpocket was attempting to rifle the pockets of a sleeping passenger who turned out to be an off-duty policeman.

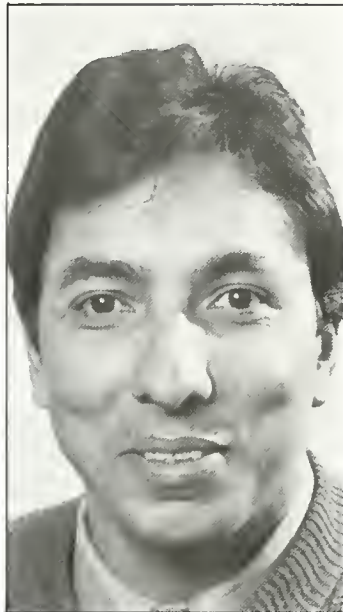
Folken had berthed his train and

was proceeding to the trainroom when he observed the attempted robbery in progress. He returned to the train through the emergency door and the man fled to another train only to be arrested by police.

Bus supervisor **James Sledge** of District "B" exemplified service beyond the call of duty and earned special recognition when he volunteered his free time to assist other District "B" surface supervisors who were called upon to provide shuttle service to accommodate riders of a derailed West-Northwest train at Central Park.

A Day in CTA commendation was also earned by District "B" bus supervisor **Kenneth Johnson** who came to the rescue of a rider aboard a Jeffery Express bus whose purse was grabbed by a man at Hyde Park and Lake Park Avenues. After a bystander notified him of the incident, Supervisor Johnson intervened and apprehended the purse snatcher who was attempting to exit the bus through the rear door. The offender was surrendered to police, and the rider's purse was returned to her.

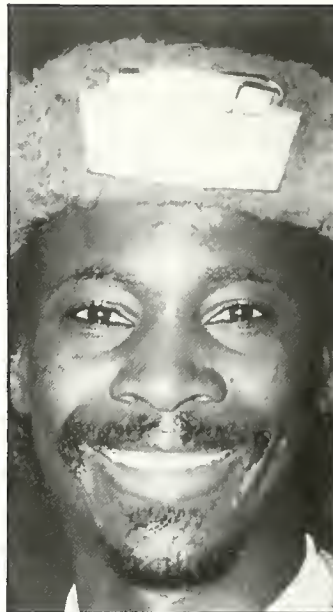
Hasan Abed (Archer garage) was thanked for his concern as operator of a No. 62 Archer bus ridden by **Sandy Barnes**, of West 55th Street. "I was sitting on the bus alone one evening, and as it began to empty out, two young men came from the back. One sat in the seat in front of me with his legs across the seat beside him, and the other sat next to me. I was uncomfortable, to say the least, as there were hardly any other passengers on the bus. A little while later, the driver stopped the bus, walked back to where we were sitting, and told the men he would not move the bus until they moved away from me. He deserves recognition."



Antonio Acevedo (West Section) impressed **Royal Corbin**, of West Congress Parkway, with his courtesy and patience as ticket agent at Washington in the Dearborn subway. "It took me a while to find my transfer, and after I did locate it, and handed it to him, he told me it was no good because the time had run out on it. I became angry, yet he stayed calm, and it took me even longer to find a token and dime for my fare, causing a line to form behind me. Yet your employee even thanked me for my fare. Only upon reflection did I realize his courteous manner. If only more people had such calm in the midst of our city."

Pauline Merriweather (69th Street garage) was appreciated for her courtesy as operator of a No. 8 Halsted bus by **Christine Sullivan**, of West 80th Street. "While I was coming up the ramp from the Congress 'L' station, this operator was picking up passengers heading south on Halsted Street. They had already boarded when I was still quite a ways down the ramp. But she waited for me! I just want to let you know that she is a very courteous and sensitive person, and a good driver as well. I wish all my rides on CTA vehicles were as enjoyable as the one with operator #13034."

Jesse Howard (77th Street garage) was admired by **Anita Rosenthal**, of King Drive, who was a rider on his No. 3 King Drive bus. "I have never been on a bus where the driver was like him. Every stop was called loudly and clearly. Important transfer points for other routes were pointed out, our Art Institute was proudly called, and so on. Mr. Howard was kind and concerned about everyone getting on and off. I felt I must write and tell you about him. We certainly could use more drivers like Mr. Howard, and I hope I will be on his bus again soon. It was truly a great experience -- and a surprise."



Robert Harper (77th Street garage) was applauded by **Gladys Reed**, of Merrill Avenue, and three other riders on his No. 87 87th bus. "We the regular passengers on the 87th Street route feel it is our duty to tell you of our high regards for this driver. He is always on schedule, is courteous, and always has a nice warm smile and 'Hello'. He handles unruly passengers with tact and diplomacy. His consideration is most appreciated because he drives the next to the last bus going east at 1 a.m., when we are getting off from work, and he waits for us at the Dan Ryan 'L' station even if our train is late getting in."

Jerome Perdue (Limits garage) was the operator of a No. 151 Sheridan bus that **Irene Miller**, of North Sheridan Road, boarded at Water Tower Place. "Shortly after I boarded, I heard a woman's voice saying something about her wallet being stolen. In an instant, the driver stopped his bus and attempted to apprehend the pickpocket. I was unable to witness the final result, but driver #13208 did fully exercise his responsibility. One of the passengers said, 'Don't you think that this bus driver should be commended for his quick-acting response?' and almost all of us replied with a 'Yes' and even applause."

Angel Mojica (North Park garage) was complimented by **Howard Jaffe**, of Sherwin Avenue, for his courtesy as operator of a No. 49B North Western bus. "I was walking toward the bus stop at Chase when I saw a bus coming. I was some distance from the stop, and I stretched my arm out to alert the driver that I would like to board. Then I started jogging toward the bus stop, where nobody else was waiting. The bus driver slowed down, pulled over to the stop, and opened the doors, just to let me know he'd be waiting for me. I am a senior citizen, and thanked him for his consideration, which saved me at least a 12-minute wait."

Vincent Dawson (Forest Glen garage) was saluted in poetry by **Michelle Johnson**, of West Lake Street, who was a rider on his No. 152 Addison bus. "For a trip that can't be beat, Driver 7699 is the dude to meet. I have to laugh, just because He cracks me up with the things he does. To find his bus is not a big feat, He drives by Schurz High on Addison St. 'Line Instructor 7699' his name I don't know, He can handle the bus like a pro. CTA should be thankful for a man like this. It's him the riders would surely miss. This complimentary rap I present to CTA. Thank you and 7699...You made my day!"

Rail tour-dinner honors culture bus commentators



Photos, top left to bottom right: Rail tour host and Culture Bus coordinator **Jeff Stern** welcomed guests and provided commentary; Promotional Services representative **Helene Greiman** helped set up hors d'oeuvres on the train; hospitality industry guests included representatives of **McCormick Place** and the **Knickerbocker Hotel**; rapid transit cars in Skokie Shops formed a unique dinner setting that guests would long remember; wearing his vintage conductor's uniform, Public Information coordinator and co-host **Ron Weslow** checked tickets on the rail tour that he had organized.

CTA's Culture Bus service in 1985 recorded a five percent increase in ridership over the comparable period of the previous year. To show appreciation for the efforts of our volunteer commentators and provide a final promotional thrust for 1985, a rail tour-dinner was held December 6 on CTA's historic cars, which had Skokie Shop as a destination.

Other guests included hospitality industry representatives, such as hotel management personnel, state and city tourism officials, and the directors of museums along the Culture Bus routes. All helped to promote CTA service in 1985, and we wanted to show our interest in their continuing cooperation in the years ahead.

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Paul Alexander Jr., 69th Street
Carlos Archila, Forest Glen
Rogelio Arrazola, North Park
Delbert Ashford, Beverly
Luis Aviles, 77th Street
Juan Aviles, North Avenue

Ernest Barnes, Beverly
Jose Barrera, Archer
Jacqueline Brins, Agents North
Shirley Bester, Howard J. Kimball
Artie Borders, 69th Street
Bill Brown, Limits

Jean Cagr, North Park
John Cameron, Ashland 61st 95th
James Carson, Archer
Denise Cherry, Limits
Jerry Connor, North Park
Jesse Cox, 69th Street
Griz Craig, North Park
David Curley, Rail Dist. North
Robert Curley, Howard Kimball
William Downs, Unity

Raphael Emery, North Park
Curtis Esters, North Park

Dorothy Flournoy, 77th Street

Anselmo Garcia, Archer
Wallace Good, Forest Glen
Raymond Gosha, Limits
Dorothy Graham, Limits
Richard Grout, Agents North
William Hill, Limits

Sanders Ingram, Kedzie

William James, North Park
Lewis Johnson, 77th Street
Robert Johnson, Archer
Anthony Jones, Archer
Lester Jones, North Park
Kenneth Jones, Ashland 61st 95th

James Kolstad, Beverly
Robert Kremer, North Park

Fred Labern, North Avenue
Carl Lambert, North Park
Charley Lane, Beverly
Nathaniel Lee Jr., Ashland 61st 95th
James Lewis, 69th Street
Jesus Limas, North Park
Ted Lingo, 77th Street
Alfonzo Lucious, 69th Street

Michael Maines, Forest Glen
Kevin Majors, 77th Street
Louis Maravilla, 77th Street
William Markowski, Forest Glen
Cornelius Marshall, North Park
Daniel Martin, Forest Glen
Angel Martinez, North Park
James McDonald, Kedzie
Cleophus McGee, 77th Street
Pamela McKeel, Agents West
Larry McNulty, North Park
William Miles, Special Serves
Frederick Moore, North Park
James Mott, Bus Dist. C
Timothy Mulvey, Beverly
Ricky Munoz, Jefferson Park

David Nealis, Jefferson Park
Ike Owens Jr., Kedzie

Roberto Patron, Limits
Javier Pineda, Archer
William Powell, 77th Street

Anastacio Reyes, North Avenue
Gladys Rice, 77th Street
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Lee Thompson, North Park
David Thorps, Agents South

Ronnie Walker, Beverly
Lonnie Walker, North Park
Thomas Washington, 69th Street
David Wasson, North Park
Fredrick White, Limits
Robert Williams Jr., Archer
John Williams, North Park
Gary Williams, North Park
Carol Williams, Jefferson Park
Theaster Winston, 69th Street



Beverly takes ZAP lead, four terminals also winners



*Congratulations were in order for Kimball terminal where a first place ZAP certificate was also earned. Making the presentation is unit supervisor **Dave Kowalski**. Accepting on behalf of the terminal's maintenance personnel is day foreman **Felix Velinske**.*

Beverly garage maintenance personnel continues to pile up an enviable safety record with each quarterly Zero Accident Program.

The Southside facility topped all other bus garages in the third quarter with the lowest accident frequency rate of the 10 areas in competition.

Since the second quarter of 1984 **Beverly** has taken six first place ZAP awards, including two special luncheons for having the lowest accident frequency in a six month period. Second place honors went to **North Avenue garage**, the only other bus facility to place in the third quarter

ZAP recongition.

Rail maintenance locations taking first place Zero Accident Program honors were **54th, Kimball, Harlem** and **61/Racine terminals**.

Personnel at **54th Street terminal** have also had six ZAP victories since the second quarter of 1984, including



*Beverly garage day foreman **James O'Brien** (left), accepts a first place Zero Accident Program certificate for the southside facility from **Terrance McGuigan**, director, Bus Maintenance.*

Steve Jackson, 54th Street terminal foreman, displays the terminal's first place award for ZAP as he is flanked by unit supervisor Leonard Davenport (left), and assistant foreman Gary Kemp.



Unit supervisor Vito Collyard stands proudly with his crew at 61st Street terminal upon accepting the ZAP certificate. Standing to Collyard's immediate left is assistant day foreman Robert Basden.

two luncheons for a six month accident-free period. Safety Supervisor James Dudley said the longest and most consistent string of victories in rail maintenance belongs to personnel at **61/Racine terminal** where 21 first place plaques have gone since 1971. First place honors were earned at **61/Racine** in the first and third quarters of 1985.

Accolades continue for **Kimball** personnel as they take a first place ZAP award. **Kimball** personnel earned a catered luncheon during the previous 1985 quarters for the terminal's low frequency accident rate. Meanwhile, **Harlem terminal** is receiving its first top ZAP certificate of the year.

It was a proud moment for terminal foreman Alvin Crawford (left), as he accepted Harlem/Lake's first place ZAP certificate being presented here by rail maintenance terminal superintendent Richard Lorimer.



PENSIONERS

HILARIO J. ROSAS, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-26-68
WILLIAM C. SCOTT, Superintendent,
South Shops, Emp. 10-2-42
LOUIS C. THOMAS, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 12-2-65

LeROY E. AVERY, Bus Servicer,
69th Street, Emp. 3-22-67
TARIEK T. GAHIJI, Conductor,
61st Street, Emp. 5-18-73
ROBERT H. GRAHAM, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 10-10-74
VINCENT G. JOBSON, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 10-14-68
ROBERT F. KREJCA, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 10-6-67
SHEILA L. WATKINS, Bus Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 12-9-74

JAMES M. BENNETT, Ticket Agent,
63rd/Ashland, Emp. 11-13-67
RICHARDINE G. FOSTER, Ticket Agent,
Kimball, Emp. 11-5-60
JOHN A. MELUS, Motorman,
Howard, Emp. 9-2-66

***ROBERT BOLDON**, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 10-26-67
ALVA H. ROBBINS, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 10-26-67
ROBERT E. WALKER, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-27-70

*Retroactive to 11-1-85

Pensioners may change withholding

Pensioners should know that they have the right to change the amount of tax withheld from their pension checks. If you don't have enough tax withheld, you may be responsible for the payment of estimated tax and tax penalties.

If you wish to start, stop or change the amount of federal income tax being withheld from your check, simply contact the Pension Office and the proper forms will be supplied to you, or you may fill out IRS Form W-4P which is obtainable from the IRS, and send it to the Harris Bank Pension Withholding - 5W, P.O. Box 755, Chicago, IL 60690.

Social Security benefits explained



Many people think of Social Security as just a retirement program, but it is important to remember that Social Security can also pay disability benefits to insured workers and survivors benefits to their families.

It is important to know what Social Security benefits are available as you plan your family's future financial security.

As of January 1986, the average monthly Social Security benefit being paid to a widowed mother with two children is \$1,107. In the event of a worker's death, Social Security benefits may be paid to any unmarried children under age 18, and children up to age 19 provided they are still in secondary school.

Other beneficiaries may include disabled children over age 18 who were disabled before age 22, a widow or widower caring for a disabled child of any age who needs physical care.

A widow or widower age 60 or older may also receive Social Security survivor benefits (reduced benefits at age 60, and full benefits at age 65). A disabled widow or widower who is between the ages of 50 and 60 years old may also receive benefits (reduced). All benefits are contingent upon the worker having acquired enough work credit under Social Security.

If either the widow, widower, or children worked while receiving Social Security benefits, and earned in excess of the annual exempt amount for that particular year, their Social Security benefits would be reduced for that year by one dollar for each two dollars earned.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Social

Security benefits never run out. For example, the two surviving children, ages six and eight years old, of a 32-year old man, would be able to receive survivor's benefits until they reach age 18, or 19 if they are still in secondary school.

On the other hand, the man's 30-year old widow could receive benefits until the youngest child is 16 years old. The widow could again collect as early as age 60 for reduced widow's benefits, or at age 65 for full widow's benefits. If she were to become disabled, she could receive disabled widow's benefits as early as age 50.

If one of the children became disabled before age 22, the child could receive benefits until the disability ended, or for life should there be no recovery.

Retirees between 65 and 70 years old may now earn up to \$7,800 annually and still receive all of their Social Security benefits. Retirees under age 65 may earn up to \$5,760 and retain their benefits. Persons at least 70 years old retain all of their Social Security benefits regardless of other earnings.

Social Security beneficiaries who work are required to file an annual report of earnings with the Social Security Administration by April 15 of each year following a year in which they have earnings. This report enables SSA to ensure correct payments were made during the previous year.

The Social Security Administration advises beneficiaries who still have earned income to report any change in earnings immediately to avoid overpayment of Social Security benefits.

Free life insurance ends with retirement



Upon retirement your life insurance coverage paid for by CTA ends. It may be converted to an individual policy at your expense during the month before you retire.

However, the retirement plan provides similar coverage called a death benefit. If you are retired at your death, this benefit will be paid to your

designated beneficiary.

The payment amount will depend on your age and years of service at retirement. The maximum payment is currently \$4,000. There is no policy issued for the death benefit; rather it is a part of the Retirement Plan document. Death Benefits are paid as follows:

Age at Retirement	Years of Service	Death Benefit
Any	25 or more	\$4,000.00
65	20 or more	4,000.00
60 thru 64	20 or more but less than 25	3,000.00
55 thru 59	20 or more but less than 25	2,500.00
55 thru 65	Less than 20	1,000.00
Under 55	Less than 25	1,000.00

Death Benefits are paid to the primary beneficiary as listed by the retired employee on the designation of beneficiary form. If more than one primary beneficiary is named, they will share equally. Further, secondary beneficiaries are paid only when no primary beneficiary is living.

After you retire you must keep your choice of beneficiary up to date. You may change your beneficiary at any time by filling a new designation of beneficiary form with the Office of the Secretary of the Retirement Allowance

Committee at 440 North Wells Street, Suite 600, Chicago, Illinois 60610. A notice to this effect was mailed to all retired employees with their September 1985 checks.

Please note that you must name your beneficiary. Your spouse or children do not automatically become beneficiaries of the Death Benefit.

Finally, the Office of the Secretary of the Retirement Allowance Committee must be immediately notified of the death of any retired employee. To report a death, call (312) 670-0361.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

40 Years

George Christensen
Signal, Phone & Radio

John Friedman
Escalator Maintenance

35 Years

Frank Brady, Employment Placement

Melvin Link, Instruction

Arthur Loman, Ashland Terminal

John Mitchell, Ashland Terminal

Adele Monson, Forms, Records & Procedures

William Suddeth, Racine Mice

Charles Gage, Utility

Joan Georgeson, Law

Homer Harris, Schedules

Arthur Paige, Archer

Ervin Schultz, North Park

Joseph V. Tunzi, Operations, Administration

30 Years

Harold Bober, Forest Glen

Sidney Edwards Jr., Utility

Thomas McCue, Claims

Elvin Carey, Bus Service

James Moore, Utility

25 Years

Robert Adler, Jefferson Park

Arthur Battle, North Avenue

James Braun, Forest Glen

George Dimitsas, Terminals-North

Patrick Griffin, Elec. Dist.

Robert Julun Jr., Bus Personnel-South

Francis Leak, Forest Glen

John Murphy, Elec. Dist.

Raul Navarrete, Archer

Edward Poche, District B

Carl Schmook II, General Mice.

Paul Stahulak, Signal, Phone & Radio

Edward Steed, Forest Glen

William Uhl, Claims

John Ware, South Shops

Lynn Wilkerson, North Park

Clarence Baker, 77th Street

Ernest Feltz, Adm. & Budget

Richardine Foster, North Section

John Gillespie, Field Review

David Greig, Signal, Phone & Radio

Alonzo Hooper, Mice Training

John Koepke Jr., Signal, Phone & Radio

Arthur Lupescu, Signal, Phone & Radio

Padraig Lynch, Rail System

Salvatore Marsico, Forest Glen

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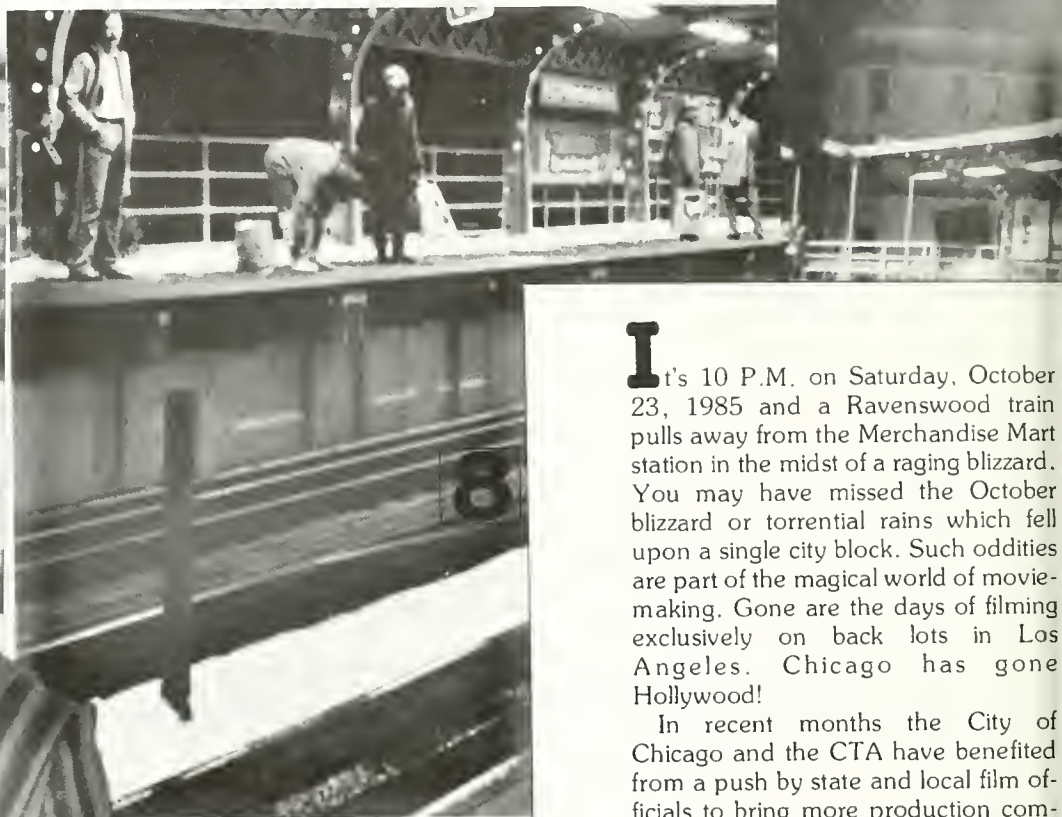
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CTA MOVIES:

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION...

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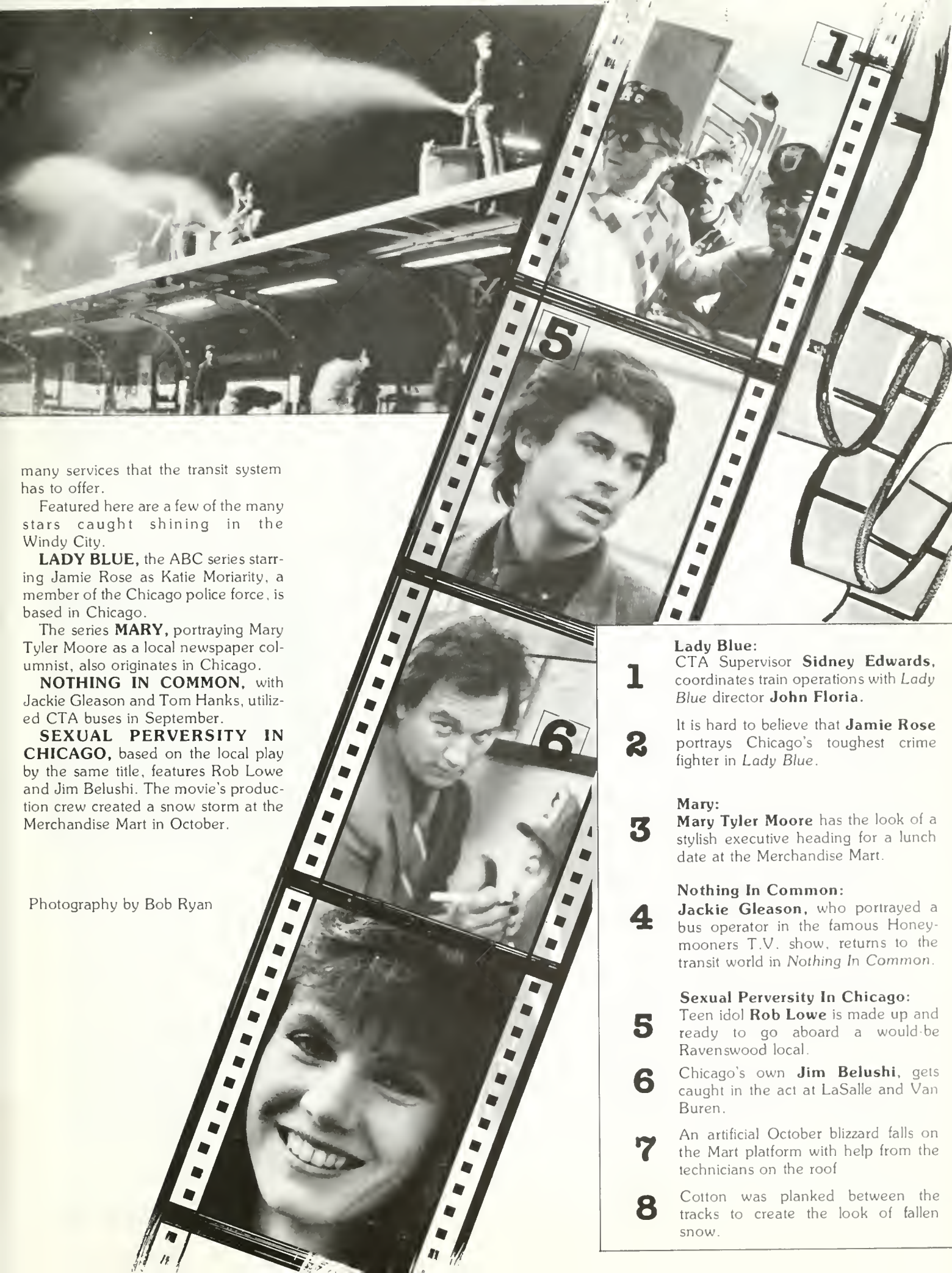


It's 10 P.M. on Saturday, October 23, 1985 and a Ravenswood train pulls away from the Merchandise Mart station in the midst of a raging blizzard. You may have missed the October blizzard or torrential rains which fell upon a single city block. Such oddities are part of the magical world of movie-making. Gone are the days of filming exclusively on back lots in Los Angeles. Chicago has gone Hollywood!

In recent months the City of Chicago and the CTA have benefited from a push by state and local film officials to bring more production companies to Chicago. In 1984 Chicago earned \$25 million by playing host to the film industry. Predictions for 1985 indicate that the revenues will be even higher.

Several of Chicago's major attractions are the unique location shots provided by CTA's rapid transit elevated and subway trains, which allow scenic views of the city's magnificent skyline and lakefront. CTA buses are often used not only for ambiance but also for transportation to site selections as well as keeping extras warm during winter filming.

Bob Ryan is the CTA's Public Affairs Special Projects Coordinator and serves as liaison to the film industry. Bob coordinates the scheduling for filming done on CTA property and assists in checking that the film companies have proper insurance coverages. CTA staff from various departments, including management and bus and rail operating personnel, play integral roles in the filming process. CTA personnel strive to cooperate with the production companies and familiarize them with the



many services that the transit system has to offer.

Featured here are a few of the many stars caught shining in the Windy City.

LADY BLUE, the ABC series starring Jamie Rose as Katie Moriarity, a member of the Chicago police force, is based in Chicago.

The series **MARY**, portraying Mary Tyler Moore as a local newspaper columnist, also originates in Chicago.

NOTHING IN COMMON, with Jackie Gleason and Tom Hanks, utilized CTA buses in September.

SEXUAL PERVERSITY IN CHICAGO, based on the local play by the same title, features Rob Lowe and Jim Belushi. The movie's production crew created a snow storm at the Merchandise Mart in October.

Photography by Bob Ryan

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Lady Blue:
CTA Supervisor **Sidney Edwards**, coordinates train operations with *Lady Blue* director **John Floria**.

2

It is hard to believe that **Jamie Rose** portrays Chicago's toughest crime fighter in *Lady Blue*.

3

Mary:
Mary Tyler Moore has the look of a stylish executive heading for a lunch date at the Merchandise Mart.

4

Nothing In Common:
Jackie Gleason, who portrayed a bus operator in the famous *Honeymooners* T.V. show, returns to the transit world in *Nothing In Common*.

5

Sexual Perversity In Chicago:
Teen idol **Rob Lowe** is made up and ready to go aboard a would-be Ravenswood local.

6

Chicago's own **Jim Belushi**, gets caught in the act at LaSalle and Van Buren.

7

An artificial October blizzard falls on the Mart platform with help from the technicians on the roof

8

Cotton was planked between the tracks to create the look of fallen snow.

NEWS INSIDE NEWS

Pardon our tardiness, but we were simply overwhelmed with a backlog of Inside News. As we go to press with the final issue of Transit News for 1985 however, we're wiping the slate clean of everything we've had on hold.

As we launch a brand new start we hope you will continue to keep us supplied with all those interesting tidbits of information for TN readers in 1986.

Rick Willis/Editor

North Avenue

Yes, better late than never...Our congratulations to three of our North Avenue operators who were among the CTA Bus Roadeo "Winning Circle" contestants. **Willie Stewart, Salvador Flores, and David James.** Now, if you've read the commendation column carefully, you probably already have noticed these three gentlemen's names have appeared more than once so again, our congratulations...Seen voting in the union election at Forest Glen recently was former North Avenuer **Adonis Berrios.** Adonis now has a wife, **Theresa,** and remarked that they took advantage of an airline package deal, flew to Southern California and did all the tourist fun things while they enjoyed their month long honeymoon...Instructor **Joe Valtierra** who is at Limits training center, visited North Park recently and was overheard commenting that he and his wife, **Rachael,** will be reaching their 21st year of marriage soon. With all of those stores near Limits, Joe, you won't have any excuse for not finding her a gift will you?...Remember that near whale that was caught by a member of the **Charles Strockis** family we reported to you a while back? Well, seems that Charles finally, finally managed to produce this photo



of his son, **Brian,** age 7 and the 10½ pound coho they caught. Maybe the rest of you can't see it, but is that one of those "flying fish" we see in the picture above Brian's head?...Y-A-W-N. Talked to **Jacques Yezeguelian** at the union office at 5 A.M. where he was checking in as an election clerk, and learned a little more interesting info on our co-worker. Jacques flies a twin engine Beechcraft plane and has been a pilot for over 20 years. In the many years he's been a pilot, he has flown around the globe three times and met Hawaiian singer entertainer **Don Ho** and former French President **Georges Pompidou.** H-m-m, wouldn't it be nice if some of us could get together next vacation, charter a plane and let Jacques do the "driving?"...Nice to see once again was **Harvey Jones** now a pool instruction superintendent. Mr. Jones was attending one of the "ESPP" meetings at North Park recently and looks like his usual cheerful self...Wondering? Well, we saw operators and some of the "rail" personnel from Kimball and North Park locations when they were getting ready for that 26-mile Chicago Marathon held recently but did we overlook anyone here from North Avenue? C'mon now people, we can't let them get all the publicity can we?...Don't we all look so natural having our picture taken? It's really nice to see someone we know and not have to guess their identity when it comes to being recognized by our bosses. Operator **Robert Dickens** received a Special Recognition Certificate, a look

at the control center operations, along with his photo published describing his actions while working. Well done, Robert...Stepping up, up, up! Look who from North Avenue received their certificates of graduation as supervisors: **Lawrence Chatman, Joe Ellis, Carlos Davila** and yes, **Thelma Young.** See what a little motivation will do for us, people? Best wishes, all...Just some of our operators who received commendations lately: **Tyrone Malloy, Abraham Morgan, Robert Patterson, Veronica Rowell, Charles Tabb** and **Diego Santos-Rios**...Hoping everyone attending has a good time and fond memories after we close with this year's North Avenue Annual Christmas Party. With a magician doing his bit, two bands providing musical entertainment and \$500.00 in prizes, it should be something to enjoy and talk about. Just in case you haven't notice, **Gail Calloway** is one of our hard working organizers of this event...**Clifford Vandervest,**



formerly of Forest Park, and a retired CTA rapid transit worker, sends best wishes to his Chicago area friends as he pauses in comfort on the patio of his Bemidji, Minnesota home.

Mike Flores

Archer Garage

Congratulations to bus operator, **Claude S. Brown, Jr.,** and his wife, **Norma,** of NCB Production. Once again, they have succeeded in producing a fabulous fashion show with dinner and entertainment. With the help

of Norma's mannequins, who did a wonderful job modeling Norma's latest designs; the Munchkins, who modeled and performed; and the spectacular commentator, **Willie Ray**, the fashion show was a success. Entertaining was by Squeeze Band; vocalist **Diana Wilson**, and our own Board Member Local #241, **Tom Collins**, D.J. Photographers from Archer garage were operators **Ray Hamb**, **Bobby Townsend**, **Isaiah William**, and **Otis Clay** of 77th garage. Printing for the show was done by Archer Supervisor, **William Jones**. Each year Claude and Norma Brown work hard to put this event together. They started this show in 1977 at the Roberts 500 room. Later they discovered that the 500 room was not large enough to accommodate their audience; so they moved to the Condessa Del Mar in 1978. A year later they had a packed audience again which led them to their present location, the Sabre Room in Hickory Hills, IL. The unique thing about these fashion shows is that Norma custom



makes all the clothes in the show. The models include her husband, Claude and son, **Kevin**. Throughout the years Claude and Norma have had various supporters to contribute to their success. Some of them are: Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Illinois Bell, Chicago Board of Education, etc. But most of all, a lot of their support comes from the CTA operators. Next year, if all goes well, Claude and Norma will be celebrating their 10th anniversary. Seats go on sale starting June, 1986 through October, 1986. So keep up the good work Mr. and Mrs. Claude S. Brown, Jr. and we'll see you next year...On December 20, 1985, Ar-

cher's Christmas Committee held their annual Christmas party...Welcome back operator **Lena Jackson**. Vacation one week in Alabama. And operator **Willie Young**. Vacation one week in Jackson, Mississippi...Congratulations to operator **Steven Branch**, who was married recently...We extend our condolences to the families of: Clerk **Ruth Adkins**, whose husband passed away; operator **Percy Anderson**, whose wife died; and operator **Chester Robertson**, whose father passed away...Please send news items



to me before the first of the month for the Transit News.

Ollie Hoskins

North Avenue

Well, hello, hello, and welcome to North Avenue. Our newest operators joining us are: **Jesus Santos**, **David Metken**, **Edgar Moya**, **William Garcia**, **Pablo Gonzalez**, and **Elias Valdovinos**...Bet you didn't know our janitor, **John McGarvey**, is one of those well-traveled folks among us. John recently ventured to Sydney, Australia, while on vacation and enjoyed himself immensely. Though he says, "Everyone there drives on the wrong side of the road." John started at the Lawndale garage as an operator and mentions he has about 10 more years before retirement...**Daniel Rios** (North Avenue) is looking good and says he's feeling mucho better after losing all those extra pounds from the waistline...Former North Avenue operator **Dorothy O'Neal** is now working the extra board at Limits garage and looking like she's mighty happy. Or maybe it's because she's thinking of her last vacation in Las Vegas, Nevada, along with her current

vacation coming up that she's planning on spending in Nassau, Bahamas...Welcome to our new superintendent, **John Baxter**, formerly of North Park garage. By the way, we hear he's quite a chef in the barbequed ribs department!..Nice to see former Fullerton operator **Lawrence Chatman** working as a supervisor on the street recently. Larry will be reaching his 20th-year anniversary with CTA in January, 1986. Being married and the parent of two teenaged boys gives him the opportunity to find more uses for his home computer, as well as probably explaining to his sons how it works. Or is it the other way around?...Supervisor **Rafael Perez**, C District, and his wife, **Lucy**, attended their daughter **Lourdes'** graduation from DePaul University. Now that Lourdes has passed the examination for CPA (Certified Public Accountant) and works downtown, just the thought of no more college tuition will keep Mr. Perez smiling as he works his post this winter at North Avenue and Damen, right Rafael?...Former North Avenuer **Bob Charney** went on vacation to the Wisconsin Dells with his wife, **Cathy**, and said it was O.K. Bob is now working at Forest Glen garage and says working on Irving Park is O.K., too. H-m-m, well, O.K...Seems like Forest Glen received some of our best operators as witness to **James White** who left North Avenue nearly five years ago and works the Central Avenue line now. James used to be on North Avenue's "Saints" basketball team and now says he's going to come back to get back on the team...**Isaac Dean** had the opportunity to make use of his line instructor abilities when he had his two students in training recently...**Steve Nicpon** used to work the night car on Fullerton for nearly twelve years until he got restless and went to Forest Glen where he's doing the same night work on Irving Park. Few of us were aware that Steve is a licensed general contractor and built his family an eight-room home. Steve and his wife **JoAnn** are the parents of a son, **Mark**, who will graduate in December, 1985 with a degree in Public Accounting from Northern Illinois University. The Mr. and Mrs. also have a daughter, **Kathy**, who is a member of the U.S. Air Force and is training to become a helicopter

pilot. Kathy's not making any collect calls home to mom and dad from Kun-sun, Korea, where she's now station-ed, is she Steve?..One of our super nice operators, **Earl Hobson** had to travel to Jackson, Mississippi for the funeral of his beloved mother **Sally**. Earl wants to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and kindness.

Mike Flores

Public Affairs

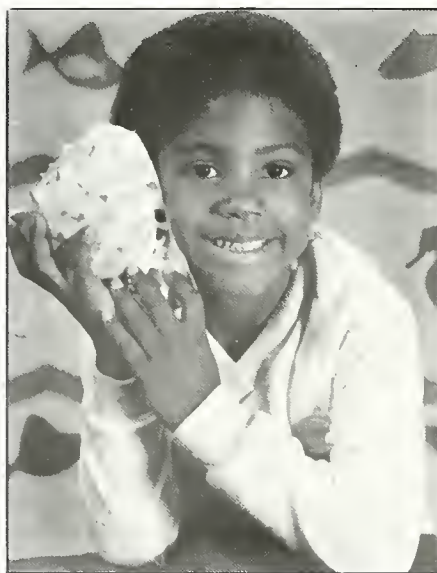
Dan Kane, Supt., Customer Assistance visited the old sod and continued to learn more about his family genealogy. He's already looking forward to his next European vacation...**Ed Cummings** was in town visiting his friends. Boy, he really looks great!..Congratulations to newlyweds **Jeff Branecki**, procurement engineer, Materials Management, and **Mary DeRose**, confidential office assistant, Chief Administrative Officer's office...**Bob McCarthy**, supervisor, Procurement Operations, has a new addition! It's a puppy. **Tanner** is half Golden Retriever and half "Heinz 57." Tanner loves his new home and Bob is finding out that he likes to eat a lot...**Allen Pfeiffer**, sales representative, Treasury, vacationed in Europe this summer making stops in London, Scandinavia, and New York. Hope you had a great time in the land of the Midnight Sun...Helping **Kay Corcoran**, executive secretary, Treasury, celebrate her birthday were two former CTA employees. Do you remember **Lillian Skora**? She is former secretary to retired Supt. of Real Estate **George Seiler**, who by the way, will be celebrating his 85th birthday this year. Lill is the sister of **Chester Skora**, superintendent, Stores (deceased). Lill is married to **Don Dattilo**...**Alice Dungan**, confidential office assistant, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, recently returned from a European vacation. She had a great time and has a lot of interesting stories to tell you...Congratulations to **Kathy Sloyan**, Revenue Accounting, who got married while visiting in Ireland. "Mise Le Meas," Kathy!..Goodbye wishes went to **Maria Lopez**, utility clerk, Treasury, who resigned and moved to Mexico. We miss her happy smile in the cashier's office. A luncheon was

held at Martini's Restaurant in Maria's honor. Many of her co-workers as well as friends from Job Classification attended.

Arlene Zittman

General Office

Avis Davis, the daughter of **Barbara Neeland**, Claims/Law Department, and her family are relocating to Muncie, Indiana. Her son-in-law, **David**, has joined the staff at Ball State University as Director of Minority Enrollment. Avis, an Illinois Registered Pharmacist, is preparing for the Indiana State Boards. Barbara's



10-year old grandson, **Brian**, started his modeling career in 1982. He has modeled for Sears, Montgomery Wards, Marshall Fields and, in 1983 with **Bill Cosby** for Texas Instruments. He has also been in Crest and McDonalds commercials. He's done voice-overs for radio and television and is presently registered with The Screen Actor's Guild...Proud dad **Joe Lazzara** of Capital Development told this reporter his daughter, **Lori Ann Lazzara**, was named to the Deans List of the College of Engineering at Marquette University, Milwaukee for outstanding academic achievement. Also due to her achievements, she was pledged to the AEMB and TAU BETA PI societies at Marquette. Accolades to Lori on a job well done!

Operations Planning

A farewell "Coffee And" was held for **John Gaul**, who left CTA for an opportunity with the New York Transit Authority. Goodbye and good luck to John and his wife on their new venture.

Public Affairs

We're glad to see **Jeff Stern** back at his typewriter after a brief absence. Hope you're feeling better.

North Park

Congratulations to Supervisor **Juan Gonzalez**, D District, upon his graduating in the Superintendent's class of 1985. ..Proud father **Mahlon C. Mims** is so busy playing daddy that he's forgotten to give us the photo of newborn daughter, **Marla**, born September 19, weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces; oh yes, helping in this event is his wife, **Linda**, and her little helper is their other daughter, **Jala**, age 5...Can you imagine the conversation between **Eula Jarrett** (Devon) and husband, **Virgil**, (Kedzie Garage operator) as they're driving down to Brownsville, Tennessee to pick up their son, **Tramaine**, who's spent the summer with his grandparents? "Watch that truck, use your turn signals." HA!..Superintendent **Kenny Czachowski** mentioning how great it felt to be back behind the wheel of a bus, or in this case, one of those 15 passenger vans. Sitting alongside our boss was his wife, **Pat**, their children, **Kim** and **Brian**, Mr. Czachowski's parents and his sister, **Barbara**. Enjoying his vacation in Orlando, Florida, WE can only wonder if he watched that right side mirror when making those right turns? Honk! ..Speaking of right turns, **Frank Von Schwedler** notes that his VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) post in Park Ridge, IL will be presenting their annual Merit Awards to a number of outstanding policemen and firemen in ceremonies soon. Frank has been a member of the VFW for 40 years while his son **Frank Junior** claims his membership at the 17-year mark. Frank says his post is the second largest in Illinois but didn't say which post is THE largest, your turn Frank...H-m-m, Hollywood Hopeful Department? Well, **Marton Reeder** is a Star, sort

of. While scenes were being filmed here in Chicago recently for "the GREAT ONE" **Jackie Gleason's** newest film, Marton's bus was used at the Morse and Ashland location while one of the regular actors portraying the CTA driver wore Mr. Reeder's badge. Oh well, twinkle, twinkle...**Oscar DeSoto**, (Lincoln Avenue) has been a licensed pilot for



nearly 15 years now and OWNS a Piper Cherokee Aircraft which he keeps at nearby Palwaukee Airport. Mr. DeSoto has given some of our operators a chance to go for a plane ride. It does make for interesting conversation when you're w-a-y up there looking w-a-y down and you run into some of that air turbulence...Passing thoughts which may not be too soon. How about those of us here at North Park getting TOGETHER and organizing a Spring 1986 picnic? Might be a nice way for those of us interested to have a nice day outside barbequing along with some softball, volleyball, and a chance to let the kids run wild. Who knows, you might even meet that person you've wanted to get a chance to talk to...Probably sitting at home and watching TV; operator **Cornelio Soto**, Sheridan Road. Operator Soto recently broke his hand and painful as that may have been, we're sure his wife, **Coky**, will find some job around the house for him to do. Hope you're feeling better Amigo...**Harry "Butch" Ott**, now at Beverly garage, and wife, **Cathy**, are the proud parents of their newborn son, **Mark Henry Ott**, who weighed in at 8 pounds, 3 ounces, measured 20½ inches and to whom you may mail future birthday cards remembering he was born on September 20, 1985...Another familiar face: Instructor **Efrain Malave** now at Limits is coming to work here at North Park.

Since one of Efrain's hobbies is using his portable video camera, maybe he can show us films of how he found parking space at Limits!..**Enrique Carrillo** is looking forward to spending two weeks in his native country of Colombia. "Ricky" plans to attend his sister, **Estella's**, graduation ceremony when she receives her degree as a Doctor of Medicine from the National University of Colombia, and to see the rest of his family whom he hasn't seen in seven years. Enjoy your time with the family, Ricky, have a safe trip and bring back some pictures, O.K.?

Mike Flores

North Park

Arturo Valdez will get his chance to play Santa Claus this year twice when his daughter, **Martha**, brings along his granddaughter, **Claudia Alejandra**, to visit for a month. After enjoying Chicago's winter season Arturo, wife **Rosa**, daughter and granddaughter will then watch the miles pass as they drive to Monterey, Mexico to visit his mother, **Pilita**...Leaving North Park on our system pick are:

John Crespo (who always seems to have that upbeat attitude). John says he's going to Kedzie Garage, but we expect to see him back here next time around...**Pat Cobb** (who n-e-v-e-r seems to be in a hurry for anything). Patricia laughingly says she's going back home to 69th Street Garage...Not to forget but "**Granny**" **Georgia Harris** is also waving goodbye to all of us. We make mention of her new title **Granny** because recently her daughter, **Robin**, presented her a 3 pound, 6 ounce newborn granddaughter named **Cot'e LeShawn Edwards**. We're certain that Georgia will pick day runs at her new station "Limits" which should leave her plenty of time evenings to change pampers...Did **Robert Moscovitz** mention where he spent all of those vacation days recently? It must have been somewhere exclusive because, upon his return, we spotted him at the station looking very stylish wearing a suit...Speaking of stylish, can anyone, just anyone, remember ever seeing our chief clerk **Jerry** coming to work less than impeccable? Seems like he should have some sign of wrinkle in



Fun in the Sun (city that is!)

CTA retirees in Sun City, Arizona got together recently during a visit by Chicagoan **Anthony M. DeMayo** who retired from Forest Glen garage. The group includes (from left-back row) **Henry Ziolkowski**, **Dan Gorski**, and **Tony DeMayo**. Seated are (from left) **Mrs. Jacque Tchelebian**, **Jean** and **Pete Norris**, and **Ted** and **Irene Wodarski**.



Pin Busters

Displaying the plaques they earned for the 1984-85 bowling season are members of the "Pin Busters," the 77th Street Operators Bowling League. The awards were presented at the team's banquet by garage superintendent **David Hinman**

(center) at the T. J. Mulligan Restaurant. The honorees are (from left) **C. V. Johnson, Wilson Washington, Luther Lee**, team captain; Superintendent Hinman, **Howard McMillan, Rufus Meeks**, and **Bob Kendrick**.

clothing sooner or later, wouldn't you think?...Nickname notes: **Imelda Brown** says her mother just started calling her **Cookie**...Joining the ranks of future operators who'll be retiring in the year of 2015 are **Rocco Delaguila** who in the past has worked as a runner for the mercantile exchange and as a wine salesman. Considering Chicago's winters that last position might help you make it thru till spring Rocco, HA!..Alongside, we have **Hugo Echeverria** who has studied law enforcement in college and, probably a B-I-G plus, has driven the highways as an eighteen wheeler C.B. "talkin" driver for eight years. Hugo is married and mentions his wife, **Carol**, looks after their two

boys, **Rocky** and **Vincent** while he starts his career with CTA...And let's not forget **Hank Jakobi** who's a graduate of Chicago Teachers College, former citywide baseball instructor working with two other gentlemen in that position and, look at this, he's also played for our Chicago White Sox as pitcher during the mid 1960's!..Next time you see him smiling, it may have to do with thoughts of his daughter. Supervisor **Allen Lichter**, "D" District, will be one of those proud fathers when his daughter, **Marci**, graduates from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, class of 1986. Marci will receive her Bachelor of Science degree and has thoughts of then attending Law school...Con-

gratulations on their election efforts thus making them winners in our recent union elections. Our station clerk **Dorothy Smith**, captured the Election commissioner position while **George Dalmas** of 77th station won the first Vice President spot...Hollywood Hopeful Dept. Next time you are in the local book store and spot a familiar name and face on a book jacket, you may recognize it as belonging to operator **Eric Kyles**. Seems that Mr. Kyles has been devoting the past year to writing about his army days in Viet Nam and now is looking forward to having it published in mid-1986...This November, 1985 also marks the closing of 25 years service for supervisor **Hubert Burketh**.

BARBARA ANTHON, 76, Treasury,
Emp. 4-1-68, Died 10-3-85

CHARLES F. BELASICH, 86, Const. & Maint.,
Emp. 11-25-18, Died 10-18-85

DANIEL J. CALLAHAN, 72, Forest Glen,
Emp. 9-19-47, Died 10-9-85

JOSEPHINE COLEMAN, 56, Fac. Engr. & Maint.
Emp. 10-28-56, Died 10-2-85

LESTER J. CUMMINGS, 88, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 4-7-44, Died 10-18-85

ARTHUR C. HANSEN, 83, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 7-9-37, Died 10-16-85

MATHEW P. HORAN, 73, Forest Glen,
Emp. 2-9-37, Died 9-29-85

EDWARD W. JASEK, 71, Forest Glen,
Emp. 8-27-45, Died 10-30-85

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES H. JOHNSON, 64, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-24-47, Died 10-10-85

RAYMOND P. KULCZAK, 70, Forest Glen,
Emp. 7-17-46, Died 10-6-85

MILTON A. LaCHOCHE, 80, Stores,
Emp. 11-2-36, Died 10-5-85

FRANCIS J. LITTAU, 78, North Park,
Emp. 12-14-40, Died 9-1-85

THOMAS J. McHUGH, 91, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 6-6-43, Died 10-25-85

EDWIN J. McINTOSH, 88, Logan Square,
Emp. 10-2-15, Died 10-13-85

VALENTINE J. NESSINGER, 80, Law,
Emp. 7-23-34, Died 10-21-85

EDWARD W. O'DAY, 70, Howard,
Emp. 1-30-52, Died 10-22-85

ELSIE V. OLSON, 66, North Section,
Emp. 3-29-67, Died 10-28-85

TIMOTHY RIORDAN, 77, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 9-13-27, Died 10-11-85

JOHN C. ROBINSON, 78, 69th Street,
Emp. 10-22-53, Died 10-31-85

EDWARD J. ROWLAND, 85, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 10-29-20, Died 10-6-85

EDWARD H. SCOTT, 65, Fac. Maint.,
Emp. 1-24-57, Died 10-31-85

HAROLD C. STROM, 72, Engineering,
Emp. 3-6-72, Died 10-4-85

Most of the operators only know Mr. Burketh by his last name, but even if you didn't you could always spot him wearing those trademark "red socks" of his. Hubert and his wife, **Lucille**, will be retiring to Cleveland, Ohio in case you want to keep in touch...Supervisor **Christine Jones**, "D" District may not have to haul those large Christmas gifts in the crowds this season after all. Her son, **Semaj**, plays the flute quite well, we hear, and has been since starting at the age of 10. Young Semaj has played for the Chicago Flute Society, so maybe mom will be able to fit his gift this year in her purse...Do you get it? One of our operators was overheard asking **Gerri Cox** where he had gone on vacation recently. Upon which Gerri replied with a straight face: "Oh, I went and spent some time at Plywood, Minnesota." F-u-n-n-y, Gerri...We'll bet few of you realize how much work was involved in planning and finalizing all of the details for North Park's yearly Christmas Party. Those people on the committee were working for YOU.

Mike Flores

Materials Management

Another soon to be retired employee from Materials Management is **Russell Lipari**, file clerk, Records Center. An Open House was held for Russ and needless to say we all enjoyed the homemade refreshments furnished by his coworkers...A retirement luncheon at the M & M Club was held for **Jean O'Neill**, executive secretary. Many of her fellow coworkers attended this fine affair. We especially thank **Linda Lundberg** for her never ending talent of handling the arrangements for this luncheon and the many others she has arranged throughout the years...Coffee and cake was had for **Marie Albano**, Claim Department, who retired after 31 years of service...Congratulations to all of our new retirees...**Zalika Williams**, daughter of **Sharon Williams**, Micrographics, enjoys her monthly visits to the Express-Ways Children's Museum located on the 4th floor at The Chicago Public Library Cultural Center. Her favorite exhibit, of course, is wheeling the #38 CTA bus by obeying the traffic signal light



mounted in front of the display. Other exhibits include a medical office, a grocery store, a postal office, orchestra instruments, building construction blocks, a telescope, the history of Chicago, and much more. The cost is free...**Richard Pytlewicz**, Safety Department, along with his wife, spent their vacation in sunny California visiting Rich's sister, **Joanne** and her family. Joanne worked in Stenographic Services years ago...Seen at a Fraternal dinner were CTA retirees:

Don and Vivian Riess, **Bill and Dorothy Unwin**, the **Russ Gundersons**, and the **Ken Mikotas**. All of them send their regards to their CTA friends. We missed another CTA retiree at this affair and that was **Bill Ashley** and his wife, **Lydia**. (Maybe next year...)...Get well wishes to retired Director of Employee Relations, **Bill Platt**, who recently underwent heart surgery...**Bob McCarthy**, Supervisor, Procurement Operations, Materials Management, and his wife, **Betty**, spent Thanksgiving in Ontario, California, visiting their daughter, **Mary Beth**, and her husband, **Mike**. The main reason for this trip, however, was to see their newest grandchild, **Brian Edward Norman**, who is one month old. Bob and Betty now have two grandchildren to spoil. Their son, **Robert, Jr.** and daughter-in-law, **Sue**, have a daughter named **Kelly**. Grandma and Grandpa are so



Golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pelikan observed their 50th wedding anniversary June 29 with a party at Chicago's Golden Flame. The couple's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were on hand for the special observance. Pelikan who was a bus operator at North Avenue, joined the ranks of CTA retirees on February 1, 1984 after 43 years of service.

proud of their clan...**Al Pfeiffer**, sales dept. flew (by plane) to Houston, Texas, to have Thanksgiving dinner with his niece and her family.

Arlene Zittman

Materials Management

Best wishes for a Happy Retirement to Executive Secretary **Jean O'Neill**. Jean, now you'll have the time to do all those things you've been putting off...In an article I read in Crain's Chicago Business, author Howard Shanks, said, "A person retiring needs to take a fresh, in-depth look at himself. He needs to re-examine his values and his priorities. He needs to re-define the word 'Important.'" He

told me he moved his family to Seattle, Washington. Fred said all of his family has adjusted well to the new surroundings and clean environment...**John Schwartz**, retired Special Projects Coordinator, Management Services, recently returned from a tour of the New England States. John said the autumn colors were magnificent...Visiting the Mart recently was **Jerry McManamon**. Jerry looks great and is busy working as a telephone operator at North Avenue garage...**Angela Pacella**, daughter of **Carmen Pacella**, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, South Shops, won an academic scholarship to Lake Forest College from the Sons of Italy. Congratulations, Angela

Finance department. They enjoyed their drive very much, especially visiting the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island...**Ruth Beutler**, Library, and **Adele Monson**, Forms Design, vacationed in Disneyworld, taking their children and grandchildren with them. It was 5-year-old **Nikki's** first flight and upon takeoff, Nikki said to Adele, "When are we going to blast off?"...Congratulations are in order--**Jim Saviano**, Administrative Services, became the proud uncle of twin girls--**Deanna** and **Dominique**. Jim's sister-in-law and brother were only expecting one...**Corrine Camasta**, COA, Methods and Standards, Rail Maintenance, Skokie, recently returned to work after



Ulysses Jones (right), 77th Street garage, makes his final relief on Run 343, 28-Stony Island route, before ending a CTA career of 38 years and eight months. Jones, whose service

began aboard street cars on Stony Island, said to end on the same route that gave him his career start is a happy coincidence. Accepting the relief is Operator **Phillip Stokes**.

"So long, it's been good to know ya"



waves **Ulysses Jones** as he and his wife **Helen** enjoy his retirement party which was held at the American Legion Hall on Chicago's south side. The couple plans to continue residing in their south suburban Robbins home.

needs to consider very seriously this best piece of advice: Retire from your job--but don't retire from work."...Our condolences to the family of executive secretary **Martha Hallock**, Stores section, whose mother passed away...As the year draws to an end, Materials Management department has many people celebrating birthdays. You know who you are and we wish you all a very happy birthday and a happy and healthy new year...**Fred King**, retired Deputy Executive Director, Human Resources, stopped by this reporter's office. He

...Our sympathy is extended to the families of Deputy Executive Director, Finance, **Dan Perk** on the loss of his mother, **Millie Perkovich**. **Bill Buetow**, Manager, Treasury, in the loss of his father, **William C. Buetow, Sr.**, and to the family of **Thomas Hall**, warehouse worker, Washington garage, whose mother passed away recently. They thank all of you for your kind expressions of sympathy...Vacationing around Lake Michigan together were **Edna Southworth**, Materials Management, and her good friend, **Rita Deakin**,

surgery. Glad to have you back, we all missed you. While Corrine was home recuperating, she became an auntie for the first time. Corrine's brother, **Joe**, and his wife, **Lydia**, welcomed a new little boy. Congratulations to all...The annual CTA golf outing was attended by several members of the Materials Management department. It was a beautiful Saturday in September. A good time was had by all...**Fran Calpin** and her mother just moved into their new condo. No more snow to shovel or grass to cut!

Arlene Zittman

Appreciation plaque



Triton Community College expressed appreciation to CTA Materials Management for the recent donation of six Detroit Diesel engines now being used by Triton automotive repair students. The plaque was presented

by **Dr. David Kozlowski** (left), associate vice president, Economic Development. Accepting on behalf of CTA is **Edward W. Tobin**, manager, Materials Management/Purchasing

Agent. Others present for the occasion were **Mrs. Dorothy Harmon**, CTA salvage control clerk who presented the engines to the college, and **William C. Roman**, director of Stores.

69th Street Garage

Dear Fellow Co-workers. Let me start off by saying OLD news is better than NO news, and a reminder to get in touch with any information you care to share. I took a small break in a few series of Transit News due to illness, but I'm back now...Supervisor **Edgar**

Greer, is the proud grandfather of **Brandon Williams**, born October 4, 1985, who weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs. His daughter, **Tammie**, and son-in-law, **Winston**, are the proud parents ...Operator **Doris Atwater** is the proud grandmother to a baby girl, **Chaka Akeema Atwater** (nickname, **Cha-Cha**), born July 7, 1985,

days...**Delores West** (operator), returned from New York enjoying some vacation time at a beautiful resort. She's not saying where exactly. You can tell us **Delores** (smile)...Line instructor, **Gail Harrison**, enjoyed a mini-vacation for seven days at home. She said she really needed the rest

...Operator **Hubert Williams** is taking a week's vacation to Little Rock, Arkansas to do a little fishing and relaxing. ...Operator **Will Gillespie** and wife, **Patricia** just got back from Laure and Heidleberg, Mississippi visiting his wife's relatives. Then, they headed out to New Orleans and did a little fishing, all in two weeks ...Operator **Mary Hall**, went on a one week vacation visiting her mother in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. ...A belated Happy Birthday wish to **Rudy Roach**, head of instruction at 69th. Roach will be leaving on a mini-vacation on November 6 for Bertsall, Arkansas to do a little hunting. Roach also went to a convention in New Orleans in August for the Imperial Consul of the Masons ...Farewell and goodbye is in order for **Roy W. Goebig**, payroll master. Roy will be retiring by this edition, but we all wish him the best. Roy started with CTA in 1947, working on the street cars for three months. Goebig, who lives in Joliet, has no immediate plans for the future, but to en-

Sends thanks for condolences

Operator **Warren G. Wood** who retired from Forest Glen in 1975 after 32 years of service, lost his beloved wife **Jacqueline** of some 50 years, and sends the following message to his CTA friends who remembered he and his family during their bereavement:

Thank you all so much for your love, cards and donations for Jackie. She touched so many people in her life which seems so short to me as I have only known her for 50 years.

I do pray that we who are left can do the same by our telling and showing others how much Jesus Christ loves us. Thanks again.

From our family to yours
Bud Wood



and weighed 8 lbs. 5 ozs...Best wishes to **Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Collins** out of North Park on the birth of a beautiful baby boy, **Mathew Gary Collins**. Jimmy is a former driver out of 69th and a good friend--we wish him nothing but the best...Supervisor **Gerald Mallory**, back from Berkley and Oakland, California, visiting his daughters. Operators **Etta Mae Jones** and **Ruby Norwood**, went to Las Vegas November 17 for four fun-filled



Let's all welcome **De'Evonne Antemi Rodriguez**, the new granddaughter of North Avenue bus servicer **Josifina Ramos**. De'Evonne was born October 24 weighing seven pounds, two ounces.

joy life. Sounds good to me...Good to see **George White**, janitor, even though it was for only a week's stay during vacation relief. George is about the best janitor in the system (George

Michael Christian, 17, son of operator **Stephan Christian, Sr.**, 77th Street garage, was one of 10 Chicago high school students who received special recognition on December 7 for outstanding academic performance.

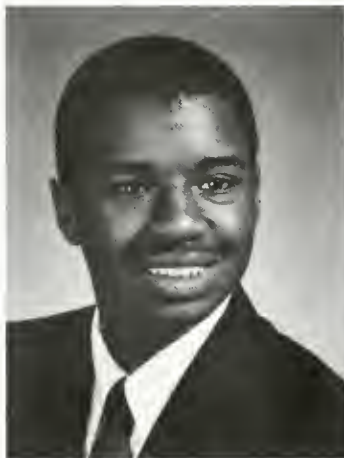
The Hales Franciscan high school senior was honored in a scholarship cotillion at the Bismark Hotel with a monetary award as scholarship to a Black college or other university offering special financial programs for minority students.

The program was sponsored by Ac-counters Community Center. Participating institutions included Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; Ken-

King of the J's)... Operator **P. Rice** has every reason to be proud of daughter, **Deirdra Rice**, who was selected for the Act-so contest sponsored by the NAACP for Chicago high schools. Out of 300, only 52 finalists were selected. Deirdra placed third in the mathematics category. Congratulations Deirda and keep up the good work...Welcome back to bus servicer **Rev. Dright Halcolm**, after being off for two weeks due to illness. Dright was ordained April 1. His church, Holy Trinity, is located at 6910 S. Halsted where he invites everyone out...Operator **Lynn Davis**, is back to work looking better than ever after a three week stay in Jackson Park Hospital. She's had more than her share of problems. Hang in there Lynn.

Retirees

Seen at the Annual Credit Union Dinner hosted by 69th Street were retirees **Fred Patheiger**, bus instructor, Transportation, and **Everret England**, shop clerk, Maintenance, Skokie Shops, and former Inside News reporter. Both were told to call if they have any Inside News for this column...**Bill Unwin**, retired Supervisor of Safety and Fire Protection, called this office. Bill and his wife just returned from a 16-day tour of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. They had a marvelous time. While they were on tour, a new granddaughter was welcomed into their family, making a total of six grandchildren for the Unwins. Bill is still active in Medinah's



tucky State, Florida Memorial, and the EOP department of the University of Northern Iowa.

Arab Patrol as well as traveling...Best wishes to **Roy Colcord**, electrician upon his retirement.

Ellie Head

Management Information System

John Miller, production control, vacationed in Michigan to visit a friend and then went on to upstate New York to see his brother. He says it was a great trip. He visited an Amish Colony, saw Niagara Falls, and went to the Michigan City Oktoberfest...

Jeanne Malenki, computer production controller, and your reporter have started their winter bowling season at Rolaline Bowling Alley. As of September 20, my team was in first place! Jeanne had a 187 game that put her in second place for high game. Jeanne also came into some unexpected cash which made it possible for her to fly down to Dallas to see the Dallas vs. Chicago football game...On September 28, the fall CTA Mart Golf Tour was held at the Buffalo Grove golf course. The fearsome foursome, **Bruce Weeks**, quality assurance, **Emil Rusinak**, remote I/O control, and **Barry Howard** and **Bill Smith**, production control, represented the M.I.S. department. Well, Howard had the best score, Rusinak threw his putter the furthest, Smith had the most strokes, and Weeks put the most mileage on his golf cart. A great time was had by all...Congratulations to newlyweds **Kelly Mahay**, programmer/analyst and **Michael McGuire**.

They were married on September 28, 1985 at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Chicago. Their honeymoon included a cruise along Mexico's Pacific coast on board The Tropicale. Then they toured California by car for a week. Sounds exciting...On to greener pastures. **Kathy Striupas**, systems development, and **Mark Liberman**, software support, had a farewell party held in their honor October 25 for friends to wish them luck in their new jobs...Your reporter is bursting with pride. My daughter, **Beth Ann**, was voted by her class to be the sophomore attendant at the Clark high school Homecoming game in October. Too bad the weather wasn't more cooperative. It rained the hardest when the Queen's Court was to be introduced on the football field.

Many of the kids caught a cold because they definitely were not dressed for the occasion with suits and fancy long dresses. Maybe homecoming ceremonies should be held during baseball season...A 'Star' anniversary was celebrated by **Bill Smith**, production control, and his wife, **Arlene**, on September 27. They have been married 27 years. What a milestone. They had a pleasant evening going to dinner and seeing a stage play at "In The Round"...Our condolences to the family of **Bernard Towns**, systems development, who passed away in Ju-

ly. He had been on medical disability since 1983...**Larry Simpson**, project analyst, is serving as secretary for the Chicago Chapter of the Association for System Management during 1985-86. The association is a 9,000-member international society of systems information resource management professionals. The Chicago Chapter has 60 members who meet monthly for programs related to the systems profession. Congratulations, Larry...I would love to hear news about you!

Patricia Glines

Someone to know



CTA bus service superintendent **Elvin J. Carey** has received special recognition in the Chicago Police Department's District Four Beat Representative Newsletter as "Someone to Know."

We quote the article which appeared in the newsletter's October issue: "This gentleman is involved in community activities with the District 4 Beat Representative program, District 4 Steering Committee, South Avalon Improvement Association, NAACP, and American Legion.

"He is the father of six grown children, grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of one. Our "Someone" is a District superintendent II with the Chicago Transit Authority with 30 years service in their employment.

"In one year he has been a volunteer beat rep, our "Someone" has recruited 15 accepted beat rep volunteers and 104 neighborhood watch participants. He is aggressively recruiting more volunteers to publicize and propagate the beat rep program and the services it provides. Our "Someone to Know" is **Elvin J. Carey**."

Pioneers hold Christmas Party



The CTA Pioneers Retirement Club marked its 10th anniversary Dec. 10 with its annual Christmas party in the Golden Flame restaurant, Higgins and Nagle avenues. More than 300 persons attended.

Officers for 1986 are **Frank Koziol**, President; **Mel Horning**, 1st Vice President; **George Nash**, 2nd Vice President; **Walter Steinbeiss**, Secretary, and **Warren Scholl**, Treasurer. Club membership now numbers 650.

"In 1975, seven retirees decided to start the club," said **Maynard (Pinky)**

Moran, "and we are all still around to enjoy it." Moran has previously served as club president for several terms.

The club holds a luncheon meeting the second Tuesday of each month in the Golden Flame. Four of its 1986 meetings will be Special Days with spouses invited to attend. They are the Valentine Party on February 11; Mother's Day Party on May 13; Back to School Party on September 9; and a Christmas Party on December 9.

In addition, the club will hold a free picnic in July with time and date to be announced later.



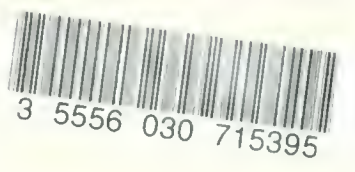
This enormous wooden ring hangs suspended at a 45 degree angle in the two store atrium of the River Road

rapid transit station along the Kennedy Expressway. The ring which was sculptured by Martin Puryear, is visible from ground level, the escalators, platform and the expressway

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